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Feb. 1, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for January, 1966

General
Weather conditions were not conducive to enjoyable park visitation this month, especially as concerned boating. Frequent squalls, cold and windy weather prevailed throughout most of the month.

The overcrowding of the auditorium during evening programs continued to be a source of irritation to the park visitors and interpreters alike. All were concerned about the safety and health hazards present with the poor ventilation and inadequate exits in the crowded auditorium, not to mention the disappointment of the many visitors turned away for lack of space.

Informational and directional signs and markers
Nothing to report.

Visitor information and orientation stations
Approximately 1,397 visitors were contacted at the Flamingo information desk.

Status of museum exhibits and collections
The hurricane exhibits sent to the Museum Lab several months ago for updating were returned to the exhibit rooms at West Lake and the Flamingo museum.

Wayside exhibits and interpretive signs
Nothing to report.

Self-guiding trails and tours
Most of the Self-guiding trail numbers along the Bear Lake road were destroyed by vandals this month. A popular method of destruction was to tear them out of the ground cement and all and throw them in the adjacent canal.

Conducted Trips
Bayshore and wilderness walks were continued as scheduled and were well attended.

Talks and campfire programs
After the usual post holiday slack, the visitor attendance at programs soared to capacity and beyond. This is expected to continue until the end of March.

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Talks and campfire programs (Con'td)
Even though programs were increased to two a night by the same naturalist, there were several "unfortunate" incidents involving the overcrowded conditions in the auditorium and the inability of many to see programs they had traveled long distances to attend.

Audiovisual devices and programs
Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous interpretive Activities
Both Paige and Mrazek participated in the annual Xmas Bird Count which turned out to be one of the most successful since they were begun.

Naturalist Paige's Florida Bay research project on evaluating wildlife resources on Florida Bay keys was approved. The project is expected to get under way after the heavy visitor use season.

Naturalist Mrazek conducted a field trip for 24 Clark University students from Pennsylvania studying mangroves on Jan 23rd.

The East River Rookery which began early this month with about 800 wood storks nesting, failed completely by Jan. 20th. It is believed that a shortage of food is the cause of failure.

The Cuthbert Rookery still had about 80 pairs of wood storks and a few egrets, anhingas and cormorants nesting on Jan 24th, but not much hope was held out for their nesting to completion - for the same reason.

Mrazek made several trips to the East River Rookery during the month. One was with National Geographic Society phtographers Truslow and Imboden to obtain pictures of empty nests for a forth coming article on the park water problem in the National Geographic Magazine. The same day a trip was made to Palm Key to locate Ospreys nests convenient for photography.

Temperatures tumbled to 30 degrees on the night of Jan. 30th. Resulting cold waters stunned many tropical fish such as jacks and snook. These were washed still thrashing into shallow water where visitors just walked out and picked them up. The largest was a 15 lb. snook.

Vincent J. Mrazek

Vincent J. Mrazek
Park Naturalist

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Marion Goble

DATE: 3 January, 1966

M : John C. Ogden

JECT: Wood Ibis distribution, ENP, January, 1966.

By the first week in January approximately 1800± Wood Ibis had shifted into rookery areas from early winter feeding grounds on Cape Sable and the west coast headwaters, and early stages of nesting were observed in East River and Cuthbert. However, marginal feeding conditions in combination with excess rains over the park during the second week of January contributed to complete break-up at East River and a reduction of Ibis at Cuthbert; approximately 650 deserted nests were found at East River, and a maximum of 150 nesting adults at Cuthbert on a 24 January boat trip into these two breeding areas. By the end of the month most of the approximately 5000 wood Ibis in ENP had moved back to early winter feeding grounds, except the small nesting group at Cuthbert.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Royal Palm Notes for January Monthly Report

n visitation check regular figures. Visitation included all 50 states and at least 30 foreign countries.

educed numbers of wading birds, fish (especially garfish), and alligators were noted and commented upon by park visitors and staff. Maximum number of alligators seen on one trip, by myself, was 12. Decrease of wildlife no doubt due to the loss of aquatic animal life in spring of 1965 at Royal Palm.

pecting activity of any type noted for Anhingas all month. Male Anhingas virtually non-existent; females outnumber males about 10 to 1. I saw only two males all month long.

d--freezing temperatures of night of January 30-31 killed many plants (ferns, Wild Coffee, etc.) along the Gumbo Limbo Trail. High winds of night of January 29 blew over several trees, shrubs, and vines onto trail.

egional Director (S.W. Region) and Mrs. Dan Beard visited Royal Palm on January 30.

he annual Coot Bay Christmas Bird Count in the Flamingo area on January 2 produced a total of 180 species, a new all time high.

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February 7, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for January, 1966

GENERAL

Weather conditions were not conducive to enjoyable Park visitation this month. Frequent squalls, cold and windy weather prevailed throughout most of the month. The evening campfire program was rained out five times.

The overcrowding of the auditorium during evening programs at Flamingo continued to be a source of irritation to the Park visitors and interpreters alike. All were concerned about the safety and health hazards present with the poor ventilation and inadequate exits in the crowded auditorium, not to mention the disappointment of the many visitors turned away for lack of space.

Visitors: Professor Snead of Clark University, Pennsylvania, and 23 of his graduate students who are studying mangrove areas arrived on January 21 and were met by Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Haugen who discussed the ecology of the area with them and then took them on a field trip. On January 24th they returned and District Naturalist Vincent Mrazek took them on a field trip in the Flamingo area.

District Naturalist Mrazek made several trips to the East River Rookery during the month. One was with National Geographic Society photographers Truslow and Imboden to obtain pictures of empty nests for a forth coming article on the Park's water problem in the National Geographic Magazine. The same day a trip was made to Palm Key to locate Osprey nests convenient for photography.

ADMINISTRATION

General: The Division's annual narrative report was prepared and submitted in time to meet the due date of February 1.

New instructions for the monthly public contact report were received and studied by the members of the staff responsible for this report.

February 7, 1984

Memorandum

To: Department Members

From: Chief Clerk Duncanville

Subject: Monthly Overtime Report for January, 1984

SUMMARY

Weather conditions were not cooperative to accomplish much visitation this month. Frequent squalls, cold and windy conditions prevailed throughout most of the month. The evening campfire program was rained out five times.

The overcrowding of the auditorium during evening program at Pinelodge continued to be a source of irritation to the park visitors and interpreter alike. All were concerned about the safety and health hazards present with the poor ventilation and inadequate exits in the crowded auditorium. Not to mention the disappointment of the many visitors turned away for lack of space.

Visitation: Presidents Creek at Clark University, Pennsylvania, and 23 of the graduate students who are studying mangrove areas arrived on January 15 and were met by Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Keegan who discussed the geology of the area with them and then took them in a field trip. On January 16th they returned and Assistant Naturalist Spence took them on a field trip in the Pinelodge area.

Plaintiff Naturalist Mrazek made several trips to the East Side Academy during the month. One was with National Geographic Society photographers Preston and Zaccaro to obtain pictures of empty tanks for a forth coming article on the Park's water problem in the National Geographic Magazine. The same day a trip was made to Palm Bay to locate Osprey nests discovered for publication.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Interpretive: The Division's annual narrative report was prepared and submitted in time to meet the due date of February 1.

Our instructions for the monthly public contact report were received and studied by the members of the staff responsible for this report.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: As tiny as it is, the temporary wooden structure located in the headquarter's parking lot was visited by 19,026 persons in January. According to Park Guide Ruth Mendlen, the majority of those who stop are delighted with our "shanty" and their reaction is one of complete friendliness. From the standpoint of the staff, this information point is doing the job for which it was built. It has definitely taken a burden off the staff and restrooms at Royal Palm and traffic runs smoothly through the entrance station.

Naturalist Gale Zimmer has started construction of the fossil exhibit. By use of Perl-Lome (a horticultural product), she has done an excellent job of simulating oolite.

Most of the self-guiding trail numbers along the Bear Lake Road were destroyed by vandals this month. A popular method of destruction was to tear them out of the ground - cement and all - and throw them in the adjacent canal.

The hurricane exhibits sent to the Museum Branch to be brought up-to-date were returned and installed in the exhibit rooms at West Lake and the Flamingo museum. The metalphoto labels which were antiquated by the hurricane have also been received. They will be installed early in February.

Interpretive Services: After the usual post holiday slack, visitor attendance at the talks and campfire programs soared to capacity and beyond. Because of this and illness among members of the naturalist staff, it was necessary to hire another seasonal naturalist for assignment at Royal Palm.

Large numbers of school and other groups have been joining the regularly scheduled walks or have been given special walks at Royal Palm. On numerous occasions it has been necessary for the Chief or Assistant Chief Naturalist to conduct these specials.

Requests for off-site talks have continued to come in. During January, 2000 persons were contaced in this manner.

In an attempt to accommodate the many visitors who wished to see programs at Flamingo, these programs were increased to two a night. Even this, though, was not enough and there were several "unfortunate" incidents involving the overcrowded conditions in the auditorium and inability of many to get in.

Research and Observations: By the first week in January approximately 1800 ± Wood Ibis had shifted into rookery areas from early winter feeding grounds on Cape Sable and the west coast headwaters, and early stages of

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nesting were observed in East River and Cuthbert. However, marginal feeding conditions in combination with excess rains over the Park during the second week of January contributed to complete break-up at East River and a reduction of Ibis at Cuthbert; approximately 650 deserted nests were found at East River, and a maximum of 150 nesting adults at Cuthbert on a 24 January boat trip into these two breeding areas. By the end of the month most of the approximately 5000 Wood Ibis in Everglades National Park had moved back to early winter feeding grounds, except the small nesting group at Cuthbert.

Naturalist Bruce Paige has suggested a research project on the evaluation of wildlife resources on Florida Bay keys. This project has been evaluated and commented on by the Chief Park Naturalist and the Park Biologist and tentatively approved.

The annual Coot Bay Christmas Bird Count in the Flamingo area was held on January 2 under the direction of Naturalist Richard Cunningham. This count produced 180 species and over 72,000 individual birds. 89 bird enthusiasts from about 8 states participated. According to Mr. Cunningham, it is possible to state at this stage of compilation that many species of resident land birds were reduced by at least 50% in comparison to 1964.

Reduced numbers of wading birds, fish (especially gar), and alligators were noted at Royal Palm and commented upon by Park visitors and staff. Maximum numbers of alligators seen on one trip by Naturalist Cunningham was 12. Decrease of wildlife is due no doubt to the loss of aquatic animal life in spring of 1965 at Royal Palm.

No nesting activity of any type was noted for Anhingas all month. Male Anhingas are virtually non-existent; females outnumber males about 10 to 1. Only two males were seen all month long.

Sub-freezing temperatures the night of January 30 killed many plants (ferns, Wild Coffee, etc.) along the Gumbo Limbo Trail. The high winds the night of January 29 blew over several trees, shrubs, and vines onto the trail. Flamingo, too, felt the results of the freeze. Cold water stunned many tropical fish such as Jack and Snook. These were washed, still thrashing, into shallow water where visitors just walked out and picked them up. The largest was a 15 lb. Snook.

Visiting ornithologist may be in for a confusing, but interesting time. 17 large nestlings Great White Herons are now not only sporting bands but yellow wings and backs. This was done by Park Biologist William Robertson; Sandy Sprunt, National Audubon Society; and, Walter Stieglitz, Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to obtain more information on the movements of this bird. The paint is expected to remain on the birds until their first molt.

Two visitors reported seeing a panther on two separate days the first week in January.

Newly hatched alligators were reported in the Shark Valley Loop Road area by Rangers Erwin Winte and Kenneth Morgan.

Management Assistant observed a Grey Squirrel in the Royal Palm - Long Pine Key area of the main Park Road. These squirrels can be found in the Florida Keys, but are rare on the mainland south of Miami.

Two collecting permits were issued this month.

Curatorial Activities: Several more spiders were added to the collection.

Approximately 15 new slides were added to the slide library.

Catalog cards have been ordered and received from the Library of Congress for almost all books currently in the Park's reference library. Several more months of work should see this library work finished.

Ernst T. Christensen
Chief Park Naturalist

MBGoble:mbg

Jane F. Christensen
Chief Park Ranger

March 1, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for February, 1966

General
Overcrowding of all facilities, programs and services was the story this month, normally the month of greatest visitor use. All efforts were put forth to accommodate as many visitors as possible at evening programs, nature walks and with information services.

Informational and directional signs and markers
Nothing to report.

Visitor information and orientation stations
Every effort was made to man the information desk as available man power permitted. Approximately 3,165 visitors were contacted at the Flamingo information desk.

Status of museum exhibits and collections
Nothing to report.

Wayside exhibits and interpretive signs
Nothing to report.

Self-guiding trails and tours
17 new numbered signs were made to replace those vandalized along the Bear Lake road last month. The signs were set in place later in the month. Large sections of 1" pipe were received for the new road tour signs and a start was made on cutting them to size and threading the ends.

Conducted Trips

All walks were exceptionally well attended. A mistakenly announced trip was conducted along the Mahogany Hammock trail on Feb. 25th by Naturalist Ames. These trips are newly scheduled for next month and shall be conducted each Tuesday at 2:00 PM beginning March 1.

Naturalist Paige conducted a special trip for a group of girl scouts along the bayshore on Feb. 26th.

Talks and campfire programs

Adding to the grief of overcrowding in the auditorium was a bad leak from the kitchen sink overhead, dripping and splattering on the audience seated nearby. While the leak was being partially repaired several evening programs were held in the lobby outside the museum. Flamingo interpreters were faced with the inconvenience of providing chairs from the auditorium and stacking them after the programs, adding another hour to their evening chores.

Seasonal Ranger Jim Lockhart presented two illustrated programs during the month. One on his visit to Old Mexico, and the other on Southwest National Park Service areas.

Mrs. Ann Moreton presented an illustrated evening program on spiders.

Audiovisual devices and programs

Nothing to report.

Miscellaneous interpretive activities and wildlife observations

Photographer Crossman and wife, Life Magazine, were taken to Shark River by Naturalist Mrazek on Feb. 15th to obtain material on mangroves for a forthcoming story.

Naturalist Mrazek attended a signs committee meeting on Feb. 21st dealing with signs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Park Service.

All Flamingo interpreters spent several days on a visitor survey conducted during the early part of the month.

Painted Buntings continued to amaze and delight visitors as they fed along the roadsides on the main park road, Bear Lake road and Snake Bight road.

A Burrowing Owl again took up residence in the rock pile across the road from the rental cottages this month.

Mangrove cuckoos were seen upon several occasions along the Bear Lake road this month.

An 8 ft. alligator was discovered by Bill Kerns early this month in the sewer line under the parking lot north of the Flamingo Visitor Center. He was very much alive and appeared to be in a well fed condition.

Coot Bay Pond was the most convenient place for visitors to see birds this month. Wood Storks, Spoonbills, Egrets, Yellow-crowned Night Herons and Bald Eagles were to be seen there almost daily.

Vincent J. Mrazek

Vincent J. Mrazek
Park Naturalist

Ranger Markette saw a Swallow-tailed Kite at Shark River on Feb. 19th. Naturalist Paige observed one near Pearl Bay on Feb. 28th.

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
and
FORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
N26 P. O. BOX 279
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030

March 4, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report - February, 1966

GENERAL

General: Overcrowding of all facilities, programs and services was the story this month, normally the month of greatest visitor use.

Visitors: Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Haugen along with other members of the Park staff spent several days during the month escorting members of the Missouri State Park Board through the Park.

Photographer Grossman and wife, Life Magazine, were taken to Shark River by Naturalist Vincent Mrazek on February 15 to obtain material on mangroves for a forthcoming story.

ADMINISTRATION

General: Field personnel of the Interpretive Division spent several days on a visitor use survey.

The annual Everglades Natural History Association report was prepared and submitted as was the request for exemption of Federal Income Tax.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: Adding to the grief of overcrowding in the auditorium at Flamingo was a bad leak from the kitchen sink overhead, dripping and splattering on the audience seated nearby. While the leak was being partially repaired, several evening programs were held in the lobby outside the museum.

Bernard Thomas, contractor-artist, has started preliminary work on the mural for Headquarter's Visitor Center.

The audio device at Pa-Hay-Okee was stolen February 2. No replacement has yet been obtained.

The trail labels which were antiquated by Hurricane Betsy have been replaced on the Gumbo Limbo Trail.

17 new numbered signs were made to replace those vandalized along the Bear Lake road last month. The signs were set in place later in the month. Large sections of 1" pipe were received for the new road tour signs and a start was made on cutting them to size and threading the ends.

Interpretive Services: Campground interpretive services at Long Pine Key were unofficially enlarged last month when several visitors offered slide programs of their own before or after the scheduled program.

Mrs. Ann Moreton, a visitor who creates excellent spider photographs and does some lecturing, was authorized to give the evening program one night in Flamingo and another night at Long Pine Key.

Seasonal Ranger Jim Lockart presented two illustrated programs at Flamingo during the month. One was on his visit to Old Mexico and the other on the Southwest National Park Service area.

A weekly walk along the Mahogany Hammock was inaugurated on February 25. This should prove most successful.

Naturalist Paige conducted a special trip for a group of girl scouts along the bayshore on February 26.

Research and Observations:

A collecting permit was issued to Mr. Paul Enos of Shell Development Company, Coral Gables, Florida to collect mud samples and sediment cores to be used in a carbonate sediment research project.

Coot Bay Pond was the most convenient place for visitors to see birds this month. Wood Ibis, Spoonbills, Egrets, Yellow-crowned Night Herons, and Bald Eagles were to be seen there almost daily.

The wildlife show at Royal Palm was still greatly reduced this month. Wading birds were non-existent almost all month. No Anhingas were nesting as they should be this time of the year. In fact, no more than three male Anhingas were seen. Naturalist Richard Cunningham observed alligators on three or four occasions catch and eat birds (Coot, Purple Gallinule, and Ahhinga seen captured). Apparently this was a heavier than usual predation on birds due to lack of garfish.

Bernice Thomas, construction worker, was treated preliminary work on the mural for Headquarter's Visitor Center.

The audio device at Fern-Perkins was stolen February 1. By replacement has yet been obtained.

The trail labels which were relocated by Harrison Berry have been replaced on the Cheeta Loop Trail.

If any readable signs were made to replace those vandalized along the Bear Lake road last month. The signs were not in place later in the month. Large sections of 1' plywood were required for the new four signs and a staff was made on existing ones to size and threading the ends.

Interpretive Services: Recruitment interpretive services at Long Pine Key were substantially enlarged last month when several visitors offered slide programs of their own before or after the scheduled program.

Miss. Ann Harper, a visitor who creates excellent digital photographs and does some lecturing, was authorized to give the evening program one night in February and another night at Long Pine Key.

Seasonal Ranger Jim Lockart presented two illustrated programs at Flamingo during the month. One was on his visit to Old Mexico and the other on the Dominant National Park Service area.

A weekly walk along the Pahayokee Overlook was inaugurated on February 23. This should prove most successful.

Naturalist Inga conducted a special trip for a group of girl scouts along the Anhinga on February 23.

Research and Observations:

A voluntary report was issued to Mr. Paul Sund of Shell Development Company, Coral Gables, Florida in which and anolis and sediment cores to be used in a continuous sediment research project.

One day third was the most convenient place for visitors to see birds this month. Coral Inlet, Roseate Spoon, Yellow-crowned Night Herons and Reid Herons were in the most these places daily.

The wildlife show at Royal Pam was well greatly reduced this month. Feeding birds were few-Cattle, Snowy Egrets, Ibis, Anhinga were nesting as they should be this time of the year. In fact, no more than three anhinga were seen. Mangrove Cuckoo, Yellow-throated Warbler in Pines or Red-cockaded woodpecker were seen. Purple Gallinule, and Ridgway rail captured. Apparently this was a shorter than usual predation on birds due to lack of rainfall.

Early in the month a call was received from the operator of a fishing camp located near the east boundary of the Park. One of the Brown Pelicans who reside near the camp had a considerable cut or tear in his pouch. John Ogden, a naturalist assigned to the Park Biologist, was sent to help. Eventually, the bird was captured and brought to Headquarters. John was prepared to undertake the operation, but a call to Dr. Perry Boyd, a local vet, produced an offer of help. Dr. Boyd with John in attendance operated successfully and the bird was released in his old haunts.

On a visit to Flamingo, John Ogden observed numerous skimmers along the roadside sick and dead. This seems to happen every year when high winds and a cold front come through the area. These birds were also noted at inland points.

Gale Zimmer, Park Naturalist, has been placing a light trap in the vicinity of Park Headquarters once or twice a week. This trap has gathered numerous insects which have been added to the Park's study collection.

Painted Buntings continued to amaze and delight visitors as they feed along the roadsides on the main Park road, Bear Lake road, and Snake Bight road.

A Burrowing Owl again took up residence in the rock pile across the road from the rental cottages this month.

Mangrove Cuckoos were seen on several occasions along the Bear Lake road.

There were two sightings of Swallow-tailed Kites this month - one by Ranger James Markette at Shark River on February 19 and the other by Naturalist Bruce Paige near Pearl Bay on February 28.

Ernst T. Christensen

MBGoble:mbg

Early in the month a call was received from the operator of a fishing camp located near the east boundary of the Park. One of the Camp Officers who earlier went the camp had a confrontation and is torn in his pants. John Upton, a naturalist assigned to the Park Highlight, was sent to help. Unfortunately, the bird was captured and brought to Headquarters. John was requested to interview the operator, but a call to Mr. Percy Boyd, a local vet, produced an offer of help. Mr. Boyd with Sam is attending operator successfully and the bird was released to his old haunts.

On a visit to Flamingo, John Upton observed numerous American plover the vegetation with sand. This seems to happen every year when high tide and a wind force come through the area. These birds were also noted at Indian Prairie.

Dale Thomas, Park Naturalist, has been placing a light trap in the vicinity of Pine Lumberjacks camp to locate a moth. This trap has produced numerous insects which have kept Dale busy identifying them.

Trained Monitors continued to make and design visitors to Clay Yeal Along the roadsides in the main park road, Dave Lucas said, are doing well.

A Burrowing Owl again took up residence in the Pine-Oak across the from the visitor center this month.

Numerous Ospreys were seen on several occasions along the Shoreline trail.

There were two sightings of Swallow-tailed Kites this month - one by Ranger James Burnette at Shark River on February 13 and the other by Naturalist Bruce Paige near Pearl Bay on February 22.

Bruce C. Stevenson

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Everglades National Park
March 31, 1966

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist, Everglades

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for March, 1966

General
Cool weather and few mosquitos at Flamingo prolonged the visitor season and resulted in record March attendance at scheduled interpretive activities. By month's end, overnight visitation showed a steady decline.

Informational and Directional Signs and Markers
Nothing to report.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations
About 1,962 visitors were contacted at the Flamingo information desk during the month.

Informational Publications
Nothing to report.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections
Nothing to report.

Wayside Exhibits and Interpretive Signs
Nothing to report.

Self-guiding Trails and Tours
Twenty one interpretive signs were placed along the main road between Flamingo and the Snake Bight road for the Mangrove nature trail. Booklets keyed to these signs, pointing out the ecology of tropical plants, will be made available at West Lake and the Flamingo Visitor Center. A greater use by visitors is anticipated.

Conducted Trips
Walks by naturalist personnel at Flamingo showed a normal drop in attendance at the end of the month. The Jungle Walk, scheduled once a week at Mahogany Hammock, proved a pleasing and popular addition to interpretive activities.

Naturalist Krazek conducted an auto-cade for 42 members of the Audubon Workshop sponsored by the University of Miami on the 20th.

Talks and Campfire Programs

Two naturalist programs were conducted nightly in the Everglades Park Company auditorium at Flamingo to accommodate the heavy March visitation.

A new program was added to the Flamingo schedule, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Park Service. The film "National Parks, Our Heritage" is shown after a brief introduction on the history of the Service.

Park Ranger Jim Lockhart presented an illustrated program on National Park Service areas of the Southwest on the 14th.

A transcript of the evening program "Birds of a Water Wilderness" was prepared by naturalist Paige for use, along with slides, at other NPS areas.

Off-site Talks

Nothing to report.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

One minor accident (no loss of time) involved interpretive personnel during the month. Reports have been submitted.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs

The Admatic slide projector displaying "Life in a Rookery" at the Flamingo museum is inoperative. Carl Degen, Chief, Audio Visual and Motion Pictures Branch, WASO recommended it be replaced with a more modern machine.

Miscellaneous Interpretive Activities and Wildlife Observations

Naturalist Mrazek took Dr. and Mrs. Murphy of the American Museum of Natural History to Whitewater Bay on the 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buchiester of the National Audubon Society and author Charles Brookfield were accompanied by Management Assistant De Weese and Naturalist Paige to the East Cape Canal on the 31st.

Following reports of damage to nesting on Frank Key, the crews of the USDA Wild Cotton Eradication Project have been asked to confine their work to the mainland and keys in Florida Bay presently open to the public.

Water levels at culverts along the main road between Flamingo and Royal Palm remain low, comparable to last winter at the same time. Fish and populations of other aquatic organisms are reduced from previous years, with few concentrations of birds noted along the roadside.

Naturalists Mrazek and Paige observed a Groove-billed Ani at Flamingo on the 14th, the first definite record of the species in the park, and the 6th for Florida.

Swallow-tailed Kites, always a delight, have returned to the park, with groups of 6-15 reported along the main road. By month's end, many were engaged in nest-building activities.

Bruce B. Paige

Bruce B. Paige

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
and
PORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
N26 P. O. BOX 279
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030

April 5, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for March, 1966

GENERAL

Visitors: Mr. Robert Jessup, freelance photographer and producer of Highlights of the Everglades, visited the Park in conjunction with a new motion picture he plans to produce. When this picture is completed, he will see that we have a print. In line with this, a permit to photograph in the Park was issued.

Naturalist Vincent Mrazek took Dr. and Mrs. Murphy of the American Museum of Natural History to Whitewater Bay on March 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Buchiester of the National Audubon Society and author Charles Brookfield have been in the area and were accompanied to East Cape Canal by Management Assistant DeWeese and Naturalist Bruce Paige on March 31.

Miscellaneous: Due to the death of his Mother, Mr. Christensen made an emergency flight to Colorado to attend the funeral. Upon his return he reported that many people in the areas where he stopped inquired, with much concern, about the water situation in Everglades National Park.

One minor accident (no loss of time) involved interpretive personnel during the month. Reports have been submitted.

The Naturalist staff has been passing the "bug" back and forth all month; consequently, the sick leave logged has been considerably high than normal and those remaining hard pressed to keep up the interpretive schedule and the many visitors.

ADMINISTRATION

General: Headquarters personnel of the Naturalist staff directed much of their energies this month to solving the accounting problems of

Commonwealth Merchants Bank
and
Great Continental Insurance Corporation
N. A. 3829 277
Commissioner Charleton 31111

April 1, 1941

Gentlemen:

Re: Administrative

Dear Sirs: Kindly Acknowledge

Subject: Quarterly Statement due March, 1941

Attention

Yesterday, Mr. Robert Jones, Commission Investigator and Personnel Director in charge of the Investigation, visited the Bank to conclude . At that time certain questions arose which we have a right. It then would seem a very serious mistake to permit the examination to be completed, before these are cleared up. Mr. Jones is to be back in Washington on April 3rd. Kindly arrange to have the Bank Officers available on that day.

Very truly yours,

Commissioner Charleton

By: Administrative Assistant

Enclosure

Copy to Robert Jones, Commission Investigator and Personnel Director in charge of the Investigation. Attention the Bank in connection with the Investigation of the Commission.

Subject: Quarterly Statement due March, 1941

Gentlemen: Immediate attention of the Commission should direct your attention to the fact that the Commission has been unable to obtain the Quarterly Statement due March 31st. Unless this statement is received by the 10th inst. it will be necessary to take action to suspend the Bank from membership in the Federal Reserve System.

By: Administrative Assistant

Enclosure: Statement of the National Bankers Insurance and Casualty Company showing that it is the only one not approved by the Commission.

Gentlemen: Kindly acknowledge receipt of the Quarterly Statement due March 31st, 1941. Unless this statement is received by the 10th inst. it will be necessary to take action to suspend the Bank from membership in the Federal Reserve System.

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the Everglades Natural History Association. This problem was compounded by the resignation of Mrs. Brenda Passen, EHNA bookkeeper, effective April 2. The Chief Park Naturalist and the Association are very grateful to Administrative Officer Paul Meaton and his secretary, Mrs. Jeannette Clara, for the man hours they have spent reviewing the procedures and accounts.

Following reports of damage to nesting on Frank Key, the crews of the USDA Wild Cotton Eradication Project have been asked to confine their work to the mainland and keys in Florida Bay presently open to the public.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: Another theft this month! The entire Tetrazygia lift box on the Pinelands Trail was taken and will have to be replaced.

21 interpretive signs were placed along the main road between Flamingo and the Snake Bight road for the Mangroveland nature trail. Booklets keyed to these signs, pointing out the ecology of tropical plants, will be made available to visitors at West Lake and the Flamingo Visitor Center. A greater use by visitors is anticipated.

The Admatic slide projector displaying "Life in a Rookery" at the Flamingo museum is inoperative. Carl Degen, Chief, Audio Visual and Motion Pictures Branch, WASO, recommended it be replaced with a more modern machine.

Bernard Thomas, contractor-artist, began work on the actual mural in Parachute Key Visitor Center on March 31. The canvas has been installed and sketching started.

The last metalphoto label replaced for hurricane damage has been installed on the Pa-hay-okee Trail; however, the audio device which was stolen has not yet been replaced.

The panel exhibit showing fire in the everglades has been refurbished. The weather had faded this display until it was no longer recognizable.

Interpretive Services: 9 off-site talks given to local schools and organizations this month by the Chief and Assistant Chief Park Naturalists. The attendance at these talks numbered approximately 1506 people. In addition, the Chief Park Naturalist taped a program which appeared on Channel 2, Miami's educational station.

The Shark Valley Loop area guide booklet, 2nd edition, was received from the printer and is now available to the public.

Parkscape USA was received and shown.

The newly programed walk at Royal Palm on Friday afternoons was well received by the visitors. This walk encompasses the old road down to the lodge site. Not only does this lend itself to the natural history of the area, but also allows the visitor to become aquainted with the history of the area when it was a little known State Park. Unfortunately, because of the onset of the insect season, this walk will have to be discontinued. Naturalist Richard Cunningham, who has been conducting this program, feels that this has been highly successful and recommends that it be reinstated as soon as the insects subside.

The Jungle Walk, also a newly scheduled program, at Mahogany Hammock proved a pleasing and popular addition to the interpretive activities.

Naturalist Cunningham was the Chairman of the judges for the Tropical Audubon Society's Conservation Award presented at the Dade County Science Fair.

Naturalist Mrasek conducted an auto-cade for 42 members of the Audubon Workshop sponsordd by the University of Miami on the 20th.

Another new program was added to the Flamingo schedule commemorating the 50th anniversary of the National Park Service. The film National Parks, Our Heritage is shown after a brief introduction on the history of the Service.

Ranger Jim Lockhart presented an illustrated program on National Park Service areas of the Southwest on the 14th at the Flamingo evening program.

A transcript of the evening program Birds of the Water Wilderness was prepared by Naturalist Bruce Paige for use, along with slides, at other NPS areas.

Research and Observations: Seasonal Naturalist John Ogden, through much patience and many observations, has discovered the first Short-tailed Hawk nest reported in about 30 years in Florida. John is keeping detailed notes on the behavior of this pair.

The White-tailed Kite the Ogdens have been trying to rear until it was able to fend for itself was found dead one morning late this month. This bird had been purchased in Florida by a family from New Jersey thinking it a falcon. Upon realizing that it was not, it was flown to Miami in the hopes that upon maturity it could be set free in its natural habitat

5 collecting permits were issued this month. Among these was one to Dr. Wisby of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife who wished to collect Pigmy Sunfish and Swamp Killifish to be placed in the National Aquarium.

Naturalist Cunningham reports that the wildlife show at Royal Palm continued to decrease during March. About the middle of the month the

the Anhingas began to move out and now only three or 4 are present. During the latter part of the month there was a noted increase of baby alligators. Two rare birds were observed - the Wied's Crested Flycatcher and the Prothonotary Warbler. On March 22, Naturalist Samuel Mendlen observed an alligator about 12 feet long catch and kill a smaller 'gator (about four feet long) and presumably eat it.

Water levels at culverts along the main road between Flamingo and Royal Palm remain low, comparable to last winter at the same time. Fish and populations of other aquatic organisms are reduced from previous years with few concentrations of birds noted along the roadside.

Naturalists Mrazek and Paige observed a Groove-billed Ani at Flamingo on the 14th, the second definite record of the species in the Park and the 6th for Florida.

Swallow-tailed Kites, always a delight, have returned to the Park with many groups reported.

Curatorial Activities: A binding waiver has been received to allow us to have certain periodicals and journals bound locally. Accordingly, this material was sorted and letters written to locate and obtain missing issues. These volumes should be ready for the bindery within two weeks.

The light trap has gathered many more insects which have been added to the collection.

COOPERATING AGENCY

Additional cabinets have been built in the Naturalist offices to house the Everglades Natural History Association sales stock. This means that the stock can be kept under lock and key.

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Everglades National Park
May 1, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for April, 1966

General
The weather continued to be rather cool for the time of year and very windy and dry. Many campers and motel guests stayed on much later than usual to take advantage of the absence of mosquitoes and cool weather.

Informational and Directional Signs and Markers
Nothing to report.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations
About 1,361 visitors were contacted at the Flamingo information desk during the month.

Informational Publications
Nothing to report.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections
Nothing to report.

Wayside Exhibits and Interpretive Signs
Nothing to report.

Self-guiding Trails and Tours
There was an increase in the use of the Mangroveland Self-guiding Trail with the placement of the newly constructed signs and many complimentary remarks were received concerning them.

Conducted Trips
The Mahogany Hammock walk and the Bear Lake Wilderness Hike were discontinued for the summmer season at mid-month.

Naturalist Mrazek accompanied 35 members of the Monroe County Audubon Society on the sunset cruise on April 16th and provided the commentary during the trip.

Talks and Campfire Programs

Attendance at evening programs held up unusually well this month, probably because of the cooler than normal weather and absence of mosquitoes. It was possible, however, to reduce the programs to one a night without excluding interested visitors.

Several programs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service were held during the month.

Off-site Talks

Nothing to report.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs

The rookery slide projector in the museum remained inoperative due to mechanical failure again this month. Apparently it is just plain worn out.

Miscellaneous Interpretive Activities and Wildlife Observations

Naturalist Mrazek attended a brainstorming session at Key on April 26th on "How to improve interpretation in the park". A similar session was held at Flamingo on April 30th with Flamingo personnel in attendance and all three divisions represented. Many excellent suggestions were brought out at both sessions.

Naturalist Mrazek accompanied local Audubon Society officer Charles Brookfield with several members of the National Wildlife Federation and National Audubon Society on a boat trip to Coot Bay and Frank Key on April 25th.

Mrazek took a trip to the East River Rookery with Dr. Sielman on April 5th. It was rather disappointing with only about 50 pairs of common egrets nesting and apparently not too successfully, since there were about 35 vultures in attendance. Dr. Sielman was taken to Frank and Murray Keys on April 1st by Naturalist Paige.

Paige spent several days on the Florida Bay research project, charting vegetative types and recording nesting birds on Murray Key. He also continued with the approved Culvert Study, recording water conditions and wildlife observations.

Paige conducted a field ecology trip for Dr. Schumaker and 18 U. of Illinois students in the Snake Bight area on April 15th.

Large stands of Jamaica Dogwood trees were noticed dead from the effects of Hurricane "Betsy" on April 4th along the Crocodile Point road.

Mrazek and Paige on a trip to Seven Palm Lake on April 11th noticed that the small dam on the fresh water creek draining into the lake was partially washed out by the storm and there was fresh water flowing through the dam into the lake on April 11th.

Spring migration was well under way at the end of the month with flocks of American Redstarts, Black-throated Blue Warblers and other land birds seen around Flamingo and the nearby keys. Summer residents, such as Gray Kingbirds, Black-whiskered Vireos and Swallow-tailed Kites provide a delightful experience for out-of-state birders. Young Bald Eagles and Ospreys have reluctantly left their nests and White Pelicans have departed from the park, signaling the close of another winter season.

Vincent J. Krazek
Park Naturalist

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
and
FORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
N26 P. O. BOX 279
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030

May 4, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Acting Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for April, 1966

GENERAL

General: The weather continued to be rather cool for this time of year, very windy and dry. Many campers and motel guests stayed on much later than usual to take advantage of the absence of mosquitoes and cool weather. Visitation continued high through the Easter week.

Visitors: Naturalist Vincent Mrazek accompanied local Audubon Society Officer Charles Brookfield and several members of the National Wildlife Federation and National Audubon Society on a boat trip to Coot Bay and Frank Key on April 25.

Naturalist Mrazek also took Dr. Sielman on a trip to the East River Rookery on April 5. It was a rather disappointing trip with only about 50 pairs of common egrets nesting and apparently not too successfully, since there were about 35 vultures in attendance. Dr. Sielman was taken to Frank and Murray Keys on April 1 by Naturalist Bruce Paige.

Naturalist Paige conducted a field ecology trip for 18 University of Illinois students under the supervision of Dr. Schumaker, in the Snake Bight area on April 15.

Otis Imbodin, National Geographic Photographer, accompanied by Leader Dean Cokerman and a group of boy scouts from Cape Kennedy enjoyed Park facilities on April 17. Muralist Bernard Thomas took time out from his painting to talk with them and Naturalist Sam Mendlen came in on his lieu day to give them a special program at Long Pine Key. Mr. Imbodin photographed his group with Mr. Thomas and the mural.

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and
[illegible] Natural Science Museum
[illegible] P. O. Box 179
[illegible], Virginia 22911

May 6, 1984

Announcing

To: Interested

From: Acting Chief Host Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Activities Report for April, 1984

Summary

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Visitors: Naturalists Tiernan Brenan accompanied local Audubon Society fellows Charles Bonefield and several members of the National Wildlife Federation and National Audubon Society on a boat trip to Dust Key and Pinnin Key on April 23.

Naturalist Brenan also took Dr. Clayton on a walk to the Bass River Estuary on April 5. It was a rather disappointing trip with only about 30 pairs of common egrets nesting and temperatur wet too nonessonally, since there were about 35 nations in attendance. Dr. Clayton was taken to Pinnin and Sherry Cape on April 1 by Naturalist Bruce Paige.

Naturalist Paige conducted a field ecology trip for 18 University of Illinois, Chicago, the vegetation of Dr. Schumaker, in the Dante Night area on April 15.

Lyle Tabolin, National Geographic Photographer, accompanied by Taylor Ben Clemmons and a group of boy scouts from Cape Kennedy enjoyed Pier Fortification on April 17. Naturalist Brennan took them and Tyne bit padding in fish with them and Interesting Ben Shallen were in on this time day to give them a special perspective at Long Pine Key. Mr. Tabolin photographed his group with Mr. Thomas and the naval.

Naturalist Mrazek accompanied 35 members of the Monroe County Audubon Society on the sunset cruise on April 16 and provided the commentary during the trip.

A guest of the State Department, a Povential Governor of Austria, was taken on a tour of Anhinga Trail by Naturalist Richard Cunningham.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel: Kelly Motherspaugh, Naturalist, was furlouged and James Denslow, Seasonal Naturalist, terminated.

Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Robert Haugen accepted a transfer to Curecanti National Recreation Area, Black Canyon of the Gunnison and Colorado National Monuments.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: The temporary information booth at Parachute Key which had proved so effective as a visitor contact point is beginning to be most uncomfortable for the Park Guides. This is due mainly to the change in the angle of the sun's rays causing a glare off the road and sidewalk which gives them headaches daily.

There was an increase in the use of the Mangroveland Self-guiding Trail with the placement of the newly constructed signs and many complimentary remarks were received concerning them.

The rookery slide projector in the Flamingo museum remained inoperative due to mechanical failure. Also, the audio device at Pa-hay-okee has still not been replaced.

The turtle lift box located on the Anhinga Trail was vandalized.

A maintenance contract for AV devices has been let. The contractor was called to service one machine during the month.

A list of the new AV equipment proposed for the Parachute Key Visitor Center has not yet been received due to the fact that WASO is waiting for information on a new type bulb for a movie projector.

Interpretive Services: Visitors have been very interested in the mural being painted and are continually asking Park Guides Harriott and Mendlen questions about it. Those who have had the opportunity to view this mural have used many glowing adjectives to show their approval.

Interstellar Transit Authority at the Station Theory Institute
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during the trip.

A panel of the Space Department, a Procyonian inventor of Centrix,
was taken on a tour of Landing Craft by Technician Richard Cunningham.

Entertainment

Entertainment daily Intergalactic, Interstellar, was discharged and Dawes
Dawson, Personal Corporation, Incorporated.

Assistant Chief Tour Executive Sidney Morgan accepted a crystalpic
of Corporation Personnel Institute Area, Black Degree of the Chemical
and Electric Instrument Engineers.

Conditioning, Interplanetary, and Tax

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ability to use Energy in the Begin of the bar a copy reading a glass
all the would and sidewalk which gives them Operations daily.

There was an increase in the use of the Recirculated Salt-cycling Trail
with the pioneers of the newly established cities and many complimentary
Security west Assisted Commanding Time.

The Utility Utility Employees in the Planetary economy received Inspection
due to mechanical failure. Also, the Earth Service in Interplanetary has
still the Deep Telephone.

The Irvin City was located in the Landing Trail and Headlight.

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called in service due Medicine during the month.

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for Information on a new type Tech Dr a media personnel.

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here also daily Printing Information to show Daily Appointed.

The Pinelands Trail walk, Mahogany Hammock walk, Bear Lake Wilderness hike, and the campfire program at Long Pine Key were discontinued for the summer season at mid-month. The programs at Royal Palm and at Flamingo were reduced the week after Easter.

Many local school groups visited the Park andwere taken on special tours at Royal Palm. Requests for this service increased during the end of the month with many schools already scheduled during May.

Nine off-site talks were given to local schools and organizations by members of the staff. The attendance at these talks numbered approximately 1,000. Park Naturalist David Ames, on his lieu day, spoke at a local school attended by underprivileged children. By giving ten separate programs during the day, he was able to speak to 400 of these children. He was highly enthusiastic about this and felt that these children benefited greatly from the attention as well as the experience of hearing about the Park.

Chief Park Naturalist Christensen taped a TV program which appeared April 28.

Several programs commemorating the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service were given at Flamingo during the month.

Research and Observations: 10 collecting permits were issued. In connection with this, stricter ground rules have been initiated to determine the applicability of approving collecting permits. It is hoped that this action will insure proper use of the area by technical workers and assure their compliance with regulations governing the issuance of these permits, i.e. making results of their research known to Everglades National Park and other interested persons.

Naturalist Richard Cunningham reports that the decrease in wildlife at Royal Palm continues with only two Anhingas and several Green Herons in evidence. To offset this, however, many little alligators are in the area and soft shell turtles were digging nests on the banks of the pond. Lack of food in the water is noted. At the beginning of the month George Neusaenger, WAE Naturalist, observed one alligator trying to eat a Coke bottle. Another alligator was observed during the last week of the month eating a turtle.

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Spring migration was well underway at the end of the month with flocks of American Redstarts, Black-throated Blue Warblers and other land birds seen. Summer residents, such as Gray Kingbirds, Black-whiskered Vireos, and Swallow-tailed Kites provided a delightful experience for birders. Young Bald Eagles and Ospreys have reluctantly left their nests and White Pelicans have departed from the Park, signaling the close of another winter season.

Curatorial Activities: Collaborator Fred Truslow has donated 72 35mm slides he has taken of wildlife in the Park.

Again this month more insects were added to the study collection by Naturalist Gale Zimmer.

Work in the reference library continues. An estimate was received from a bindery for the binding of periodicals and scientific journals. These publications are being readied to be bound.

NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Naomi Houston has been hired by the Association to replace Mrs. B. Passen who resigned. Also, the services of an accountant have been secured to maintain the books in the manner outlined by the auditors. Mr. Andrews, auditor, arrived for a final audit.

Robert T. Haugen

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Mrs. Russell Dowding has been given by the Association to explore ideas. E. Pearse Hill assigned. Miss, the services of a committee into just Associated by Dr. Andrews, retired the - Blind Indie.

James T. Dodge-

Bibliography

Everglades National Park
June 1, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for May, 1966

General
Summer weather finally arrived and so did the mosquitoes. The rains started early this season - good for the wildlife and vegetation and not so good for enjoyable park visitation. The mosquitoes were here in force one week after the first heavy rains on May 7th and remained throughout the rest of the month. As always happens, there was a simultaneous drop in visitor use.

Informational and directional signs and markers
Nothing to report.

Visitor information and orientation stations.
Because of light week day visitation the information desk was manned only on weekends. Only 326 visitors were contacted at the information desk during the month.

Informational Publications
Nothing to report.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections
Nothing to report.

Wayside Exhibits and Interpretive Signs
Nothing to report.

Self-guiding trails and tours
The interpretive signs placed along the road between Flamingo and the entrance to the Snake Bight Road are proving very helpful for the newly inaugurated Wilderness Tram Tour. The guide on the tour is able to familiarize himself with some of the more common and interesting plants in the mangrove country through this medium.

Conducted Trips
Morning walks were reduced to weekends only and even so, three were unattended because of mosquitoes.

A 3 car tram pulled by a jeep was obtained and placed into operation by the Everglades Park Company. The tram seats 40 visitors and is being used for wilderness tours along the Rowdy Bend and Snake Bight roads. Naturalists Mrazek and Paige spent several days each with the tram operator instructing and monitoring his trips.

From our observations these trips will not be very popular during the summer months for two reasons: a paucity of wildlife and a plentiful supply of mosquitoes. However, the trips should prove to be very popular and provide a rewarding wilderness experience for the winter visitors.

Talks and Campfire Programs

Evening programs were reduced to three a week while annual leave is taken by naturalists here. Light visitor use does not warrant more, e.g., there were two nights when no one showed for scheduled talks during the month.

Off-site talks

Nothing to report.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

Naturalist Ames returned to full duty at Royal Palm station.
Naturalist Mrazek was on annual leave for one week.

Audiovisual devices and programs

The Admatic projector in the Flamingo museum was worked on by a specialist on May 18th, but was out of order again within a few days.

Miscellaneous interpretive activities

Naturalist Paige spent three days at Fort Jefferson assisting in a study of tern-temperature relationships from May 20 - 23.

The Mangrove District Staff Meeting was held at Flamingo on May 26th. Naturalist Mrazek presented the general aspects of the interpretive program to the group, with emphasis on the great need for a large, modern auditorium. Naturalist Paige presented the proposed Florida Bay research project and outlined procedures for carrying it through.

Assistance was given to the Milwaukee Museum team in collecting specimens for their dioramas on this area.

Other visitors given special assistance and trips were: E. A. Schory, Florida State Forester, Ft. Myers, Fla., May 10, Arthur M. Dobson Jr. National Geographic Society, May 30, Mr. Simon Max Franky, Director of National Parks Program, Department of Forests, Columbia, South America, May 30, Mr. C. Basilis, Sub-Director of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture, Dominican Republic, May 30.

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June 2, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for May, 1966

GENERAL

Summer weather finally arrived and so did the mosquitoes. The rains started early this season - good for the wildlife and vegetation and not so good for enjoyable park visitation. In Flamingo the mosquitoes were here in force one week after the first heavy rains on May 7th and remained throughout the rest of the month. As always happens, there was a simultaneous drop in visitor use.

Visitors: William E. Dickinson and party, Milwaukee Public Museum.
E. A. Schory, Florida State Forester, Fort Myers, Fla.
Arthur W. Dobson, Jr., National Geographic Society.
Mr. Simon Max Franky, Director of National Parks Program, Dept. of Forests, Columbia, South America.
Mr. C. Basilis, Sub-Director of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture Dominican Republic.

ADMINISTRATION

General: The Mangrove District Staff Meeting was held at Flamingo on May 26. Naturalist Mrazek presented the general aspects of the interpretive program to the group with emphasis on the great need for a large, modern auditorium. Naturalist Paige presented the proposed Florida Bay research project and outlined procedures for carrying it through. Chief Park Naturalist Christensen took the minutes of the meeting.

Chief Park Naturalist Christensen is currently rewriting the interpretive prospectus for the entire park, and will incorporate the results of several brainstorming sessions held throughout the park.

Memorandum

To: Department

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for May, 1990

Climate

Summer weather finally arrived and so did the mosquitoes. The rains stopped early this month - good for the wildlife and vegetation and not so good for mosquito population control. In January the mosquitoes were bane to those who have the Pike County Audubon on May 1st and spending Thursday the rest of the month. An always beginning, there was a visitor/season duty to visitor use.

Visitors: William E. Gladstone and party, Metropolitan Public Museum.
E. A. Wesley, Florida State Director, Fort Myers, Fla.
Arthur T. Brown, Jr., National Geographic Society.
Mr. Klaus Von Brandy, Director of National Park Service, Dept. of Fauna, Columbia, South America.
Mr. G. Bowlin, Ind-Governor of Forestry, Ministry of Agriculture Santiago Columbia.

Administration

Staff: The Interpark Staff Meeting was held at Pinedale on May 15. Naturalist Service presented the general sequence of the interpretive program by the group with emphasis on the given need for a large, modern auditorium. Naturalist Paige presented the proposed Florida Bay research project and outlined procedures for meeting it promptly. Chief Park Naturalist Christensen took the minutes of the meeting.

Chief Park Naturalist Christensen is currently rewriting the interpretive prospectus for the entire park, and will incorporate the results of several brainstorming sessions held throughout the park.

Personnel: Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Robert T. Haugen left Everglades on May 16 to undertake his new duties at Curecanti National Recreation Area, Black Canyon of the Gunnison and Colorado National Monuments.

Naturalist David Ames returned to full duty at Royal Palm Visitor Center.

District Naturalist Mrazek was on annual leave for one week.

Park Guide Ruth Mendlen started a one week vacation in New Jersey late in the month.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities:
Mr. Bernard Thomas has completed his contract for the painting of the mural at Parachute Key Visitor Center. This mural was unveiled during the opening ceremonies for the remodeled building on May 15. At that time Mr. Thomas gave an address pertaining to his work and the meaning of the mural.

The turtle lift box located on the Anhinga Trail was replaced after damage sustained by vandals.

The Admatic projector in the Flamingo museum was worked on by a specialist on May 18th, but was out of order again within a few days.

Interpretive Services: Park Guides Maude Harriott and Ruth Mendlen are now dispensing information from the newly remodeled visitor center and are very enthusiastic about explaining the mural to visitors.

Again this month many local school groups made arrangements to visit the park and were taken on special tours at Royal Palm. Many of these groups have been here several times before during the last few months.

Naturalist Gale Zimmer was invited to write an article on Everglades National Park for the summer travel addition of the Miami Herald. Her article appeared in the May 22 issue.

The interpretive signs placed along the road between Flamingo and the entrance to the Snake Bight Road are proving very helpful for the newly inaugurated Wilderness Tram Tour. The guide on the tour is able to familiarize himself with some of the more common and interesting plants in the mangrove countyy through this medium.

Because of light week day visitation the information desk at Flamingo was manned only on weekends. Only 326 visitors were contacted at the Flamingo information desk during the month. 9939 visitors received information at the Parachute Key Visitor Center.

At Flamingo, morning walks were reduced to weekends only and even so there were unattended because of mosquitoes.

Interpreter: Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Robert T. Morgan left Yosemite on May 16 to undertake his new duties as Personnel Officer, Natural Bridges National Monument, Rainbow Plateau, Utah.

Naturalist Davis Dana returned to full duty at Upper Pine Valley Center.

Historian Ronald Everett was on annual leave for one week.

Park Clerk Ruth Mendler started a one week vacation in San Jacinto Area in the Monument.

Interpretive Facilities:

Mr. Merrill Thomas was employed for two weeks for the painting of the mural at Paradise Ice Visitor Center. This mural was unveiled during the opening ceremonies for the remodeled building on May 23. At that time Mr. Thomas gave an address pertaining to his work and the meaning of the mural.

The marble slab bar located on the Hedrick Trail was replaced after damage sustained by vandals.

The Admin Trailer in the Glacier Point Area was worked on by a specialist on May 17th, but was out of order again within a few days.

Interpretive Services: Park Indian Maude Barrett and Dora Mendler are now delivering information from the newly remodeled visitor center and are very enthusiastic about explaining the mural to visitors.

Again this month many local school groups made arrangements to visit the park and were taken on special tours at Royal Vale. Many of these groups have been here several times before during the last few months.

Naturalist Dale Cleaver was invited to write an article on Yosemite National Park for the summer travel edition of the Fresno Bee. The article appeared in the May 22 issue.

The interpretive signs placed along the road between Glacier Point and the entrance to the Badger Pass area are proving very helpful for the newly interpreted wilderness Trail Tour. The guide on the tour is able to familiarize himself with some of the more unique and interesting points in the overview vicinity through this medium.

Because of light week day visitation the interpretive desk/area opened only on weekends. Only 319 visitors were contacted at the Glacier Point Information desk during the month. 1737 visitors received information at the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center.

At Glacier Point, evening walks were reduced to weekends only and even so these were cancelled because of conditions.

A three car tram pulled by a jeep was obtained and placed into operation by the Everglades Park Company. The tram seats 40 visitors and is being used for wilderness tours along the Rowdy Bend and Snake Bight roads. Naturalists Mrazek and Paige spent several days each with the tram operator instructing and monitoring his trips. From our observations these trips will not be very popular during the summer months for two reasons: a paucity of wildlife and a plentiful supply of mosquitoes; however, the trips should prove to be very popular and provide a rewarding wilderness experience for the winter visitors.

The evening programs at Flamingo were reduced to three a week while annual leave is taken by naturalists there. The light visitor use does not warrant more, i.e. there were two nights when no one showed for scheduled talks during the month.

Research and Observations: Naturalist Bruce Paige spent three days at Fort Jefferson assisting in a study of tern-temperature relationships.

Three collecting permits were issued this month.

Naturalist Richard Cunningham reports that a Roseate Spoonbill was observed on the roof at Royal Palm Visitor Center. The bird appeared to be catching flies. Also seen at Royal Palm this month was a White-crowned Pigeon.

Seasonal Naturalist John Ogden's vigil at the Short-tailed Hawk's nest was rewarded when one egg hatch on May 12. Mr. Ogden has been keeping a close eye on this chick and the parents, recording all their activities. He periodically weighs the bird and inspects the nest to obtain information on food habits.

Naturalist Gale Zimmer received eight caterpillars of Automeris is from the Flamingo area and was able to successfully hatch all eight...one male and seven females. In the course of this research another food was added to the known feeding habits of this species.

In order to determine the progression of life forms, three culverts near the Royal Palm turnoff are being checked by use of a dip net once a week. This project was started late in May.

Photographs were taken of the recently burned area near Mahogany Hammock along the main park road. This area graphically shows the rock knowls of the region.

The annual bird banding at Fort Jefferson was undertaken this month. Members of the Florida Audubon Society, Florida State Museum, and the National Park Service cooperated in this endeavor. Another banding session will take place in June.

A three car train pulled by a jeep was obtained and placed into operation by the Bergfinder Park Company. The jeep pours of vitality and is being used for visitorous tours along the Rocky Bend and Dunne Night Lands. Motorvehicle Transit and Trains spend several days each with the tour operator instructing and monitoring the trains. Even our observations these trains will not be very popular during the summer months due two restraint - a penalty of wildlife and a plentiful supply of mosquitoes; however, the trips should prove to be very popular and provide a rewarding wilderness experience for the visitor visitors.

The evening programs at Flamingo were reduced to three a week while annual leave is taken by naturalists there. The light visitor use does not warrant more, i.e. there were two nights when no one showed for outdoor talks during the month.

Research and Management: Naturalist Bruce Craig spent three days at Port Jefferson resolving in a study of tree-temperature relationships.

Three soliciting permits were issued this month.

Naturalist Gladys Cummings reported that a Canada Gyrmcall was observed on the road at Royal Palm Visitor Center. The bird appeared to be catching flies. Also seen at Royal Palm this month was a white-crowned Pigeon.

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The annual data meeting at Fort Jefferson was moderated this month. Members of the Florida Audubon Society, Florida State Museum, and the National Park Service were represented in this endeavor. Actual banding session will take place in June.

Curatorial Activities: 90 slides were sent to be duplicated for use in the park's slide collection.

The scientific journals and periodicals have been sent to the bindery and will be returned in a month.

Several dozen insects were added to the study collection.

Natural History Association: New devices have been construced for use in conjunction with the new sales system to be initiated June 1.

Ernst T. Christensen

Documentary duplicates: No classes were found to be duplicated for use in the party's class activities.

The scientific journals are periodically sent home each to the library and will be returned in a month.

Several forms numbers were added to the study collection.

Material History Investigation: Ten classes were taken concerning for use in conjunction with the new unique process to be installed [Item 1.

Item 1. Continued

Everglades National Park
July 2, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for June, 1966

General

It was the wettest June on record for Flamingo with 21.89 inches of rain for the month. Water in the glades and mangrove country reached levels normally attained by the end of the rainy season in October.

This area was brushed by the first tropical storm of the year, "Alma" on June 8 and 9. Winds did not exceed 60 mph, but there was much rainfall. The tropical depression which reached South Florida late in the month also drenched the area with several inches of rain.

Visitor use of the area was somewhat dampened and attendance for interpretive activities fell much lower than normal.

Conducted Trips

Only two of eight scheduled walks were attended this month. Wet weather and mosquitoes were limiting factors.

Interpretive personnel and training

Naturalist Mrazek was absent on sick leave for a week this month for minor surgery.

Miscellaneous interpretive Activities

Naturalist Mrazek guided French movie photographer J.C. Berrier on a trip to Frank Key on June 6th for pictures of roseate spoonbills.

Naturalist Paige showed the Japanese photography group led by Miss Rose Kanetaka around the Flamingo area on June 19th.

Naturalist Mrazek accompanied Drs. Craighead and Poponoe on a botanical survey of the headwaters of Roberts and North rivers on June 15th.

Research and Observation

A single Noddy Tern was seen in the Flamingo employee residence area on June 9th. This is the earliest observation record for the park.

Mrazek and Paige on a trip to Buoy Key on June 18th noticed that the open area used by Least Terns for nesting had been flooded by heavy rains. The area was deserted and there many rotting eggs scattered around. About a dozen pairs of Stilts were observed nesting successfully nearby at the time.

73 pairs of Least Terns, 11 pairs of Wilson's Plovers and one pair of Stilts had begun nesting activities in the closed campground loops B, C and T.

Nesting Gray Kingbirds, Brown Pelicans, Cormorants, Snowy Egrets, Louisiana Herons and probably others with newly hatched young suffered heavy mortality as a result of high winds and heavy rains during "Alma".

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Vincent J. Mrazek

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Park Naturalist

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
and
FORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
N26 P. O. BOX 279
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030

July 7, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Narrative for June, 1966

GENERAL

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ADMINISTRATION

General: Chief Park Naturalist Ernst T. Christensen has accepted a transfer to Washington as International Cooperation Specialist, GS-B, and will be leaving early in July. The position vacated by the transfer of the Assistant Chief has not been filled. Another vacancy was created when Park Naturalist David B. Ames accepted a transfer to Horace M. Albright Training Center. This position also remains vacant. These transfers, combined with leave schedules, have made the division rather short-handed; however, the remainder of the staff must be commended for the cheerfullness and willingness displayed in handling the additional duties assigned.

Anticipating his departure, the Chief Park Naturalist has prepared a memorandum to his successor outlining projects now underway.

Work was started on the observation files to put them in correct chronological order.

MEMORANDUM POSITIONS BOARD
and
PORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
P. O. Box 174
MONTICELLO, FLORIDA 32344

May 7, 1969

Memorandum

To: Concessionaires

From: Chief Park Naturalist

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INTERPRETATION

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Anticipating his departure, the Chief Park Naturalist has requested a moratorium in his successor utilizing projects now underway.

Work was started on the observation films to put them in better communicational order.

Personnel: Park Guide Maude Harriott and husband are on a month's vacation traveling through the mid-central states in their camper.

Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer accompanied by her mother visited Cape Hatteras during her two week's leave. She combined her vacation with furthering her research on Diamondback Terrapins; collecting these reptiles in various areas.

The division's secretary, Marion Goble, and husband spent their two week's vacation aboard their sailboat cruising the waters of South Florida and Bimini in the Bahamas.

District Naturalist Vincent Mrazek was absent for a week this month for minor surgery.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: The lobby of the Parachute Key Visitor Center which is not equipped with air conditioning is becoming more uncomfortable due to extreme heat and lack of a breeze as the summer days progress. The personnel assigned duty at this station have been experiencing dizziness and fatigue due to this condition.

Final copy for the metalphoto labels which will interpret the mural at Parachute Key Visitor Center have been prepared.

The "water" exhibit from Royal Palm Visitor Center was taken down and is being cleaned and repainted.

Interpretive Services: Only two of eight scheduled walks at Flamingo were attended this month. Wet weather and mosquitoes were limiting factors.

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traveling through the old-central states in their coupe.

Pete Derrville feels lonely surrounded by her sudden visited Type Devotees
during her two week's leave. Pte thanking Jan reunion week featuring
her research on Dimensional-Corruption; validating Elena Vegilius is reviews
stage.

Pte division's secretary, Martha Gibbs, and husband Lynn thank Pam week's
vacation showed their hellions wielding the wizard of Death Wizards and
Denial in the Dimension.

Disaster Unlimited Fiction Corps was shower Pte a week Gibb worth for
minor surgery.

Administration, Correspondence, and Mail

Correspondence Facilities: The Lodge of the Pandoras Guy Wizard Center
wants to see explored with an evaluation to boosting more individuals
due by returns back and Jack Of a Dimension at the summer days programs.
The personnel assigned duty at this station have been negotiating
disputes and lasting due to this condition.

Final copy for the Wizardry Labels would will discover the novel at
Pandoras Guy Visitor Center have been prepared.

The "voter" monitor from Royal Mail Visitor Center the Visor Pam and is
being planned and repaired.

Interpretive Services: Only two of eight scheduled walks at Plumbago were
attended this month. Two monies and recognizing were limiting Tamsin.

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to Prank Day on Dune 8th for picture of Dunwich Dimensions.

Executive Brown Point played the Japanese ministerial group led by Miss
Inner Planetis Jerrod (Meeting plan on June 19th).

Immediate Needs Dimension [illegible]. Crimpshed and Pegasus of a Dimension
agency of the Lordplatis at Dubois and Earth Gravity on June 12.

Personnel and Recruitment

A single Monty Pete was have in the Pleading employee Pandoras Dem
on June 9th. This is the military observation record for the Pete.

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even Pete used by Janet Dante for Meeting 100 Days Pleaded by Nancy Pelma.
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at Pub Pete.

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A pair of Grey King Snakes were observed mating in Pine Island during the early part of the month. Park Naturalist Zimmer was able to photograph this and consequently add these unusual pictures to the slide library.

Five collecting permits were issued during the month.

Wildlife at Royal Palm dispersed during the month probably due to high water.

Park Naturalist Richard Cunningham reports the start of the fish breeding season with many of the fish paired.

On June 7 a flock of 70 White Ibis flew over Royal Palm Visitor Center.

Many egrets and herons can be seen along the main Park road. This "show" appears better then the one last winter.

Curatorial Acitivites: Mr. Arthur E. Lewis representing the Los Angeles County Museum was kind enough to take several hours of his time in the Park to identify many of the beetles in the Park's collection.

Several new books were added to the library during the month.

NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The librarian who is hired to work in the library on Saturdays is on vacation and will not return until August.

Miss Cynthia McHugh, an ex-ranger aid, has been hired to assist in sales and in dispensing information to the visitors. She will start work early in July.

Ernst T. Christensen

Meeting Duty Blogging, Brush Skills, Movement, Dance Events.
Location Duties and Feedback: Others will newly Watched Young Actress.
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Share the Quarterly Flooding of the Global and Emergence by Issue Volume.
Awarded Delegate Tips and Mailing Site Team Matched at Writers along the Road, Expensive Facility Bowling and Weightgain. In Least Temporarily the Life Has Been Given to the Fan.

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A Pair of Dark Fog Boxes Were Observed Waiting in Time Island During the Early Part of the Month. They Originally Threw Wax Into Typewriting Tale and Consequently and Share Unusual Clothes to the Alike Library.

Time Celebrating Pundits Were Served During the Week.

Exhibits of Vinyl Fur Displayed During the Social Probably Due to High Water.

Park Waterwells Without Chemistry Prevent the Panic of the Club Breeding Session with Many of the Cool Period.

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Cultivate Activities: Dr. Kirbee K. Lamia Representing Ice Age Degree Cheap Blouse Use Kind Enough to Pale Assessed Lover of Air Time in the Park to Electricity Duty of the Sheriff in the Pail's Relations.

Several Use Bowse Were Added to the Library Reading the Words.

Weekly Student Newsletter

The Interview She Is Glad Is Work At the Library an Independence Is Vacation and Will Use Voices Until August.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Everglades National Park
August 3, 1966

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist, Everglades

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for July, 1966

General
Warm weather and above average rainfall continued through July. The precipitation, 7.29 inches recorded at Flamingo, maintained the water in the park at a high level.

The paths of three tropical storms and one hurricane in July were followed closely by park personnel, but each dissipated or turned elsewhere without effecting south Florida.

Increased visitation, normal in July, spurred attendance at regularly scheduled interpretive activities, much to the delight of mosquitoes and a various assortment of biting flies and no-see-ums.

Informational and directional signs and markers
Nothing to Report.

Visitor information and orientation stations
426 visitors were contacted by interpretive personnel at the information desk at Flamingo.

Informational publications
Nothing to report.

Status of museum exhibits and collections
Nothing to report.

Wayside exhibits and interpretive signs
Nothihg to report.

Self-guiding trails and tours
Nothing to report.

Conducted trips
Morning walks conducted at 8:30 on week ends around Flamingo continue to be productive in terms of visitors and wildlife (including mosquitoes). The assortment of wading birds, augmented by migrating shorebirds provide the salt water mud flats with one of the most reliable bird shows in the park at this time of year. Mangrove cuckoos, black-whiskered vireos, gray kingbirds and an occassional white-crowned pigeon are seen along the way, much to the pleasure of out of state visitors.

Talks and campfire programs

Evening programs at Flamingo attracted 1,138 visitors, a July record.

Park Ranger Richard Klukas presented three programs entitled "Ranger Activities" during the month.

Off-site talks
Nothing to report.

Interpretive personnel and training
Park Naturalist Vince Mrazek was designated Acting Chief Naturalist, effective July 8.

Park Naturalist Bruce Paige was nominated for the 1966 Fall Session, Interpretive Methods Course, Mather Training Center.

Audiovisual devices and programs
Nothing to report.

The Admatic projector, displaying a slide series "Life in a Rookery" in the Flamingo museum, was repaired on July 5 and is in operation.

Miscellaneous interpretive activities

Naturalist Mrazek was assigned to a 10 day study of potential National Landmarks in Florida, beginning July 31.

An interpretive planning team from the Washington and regional offices studied proposed changes in the interpretive facilities at Flamingo on July 26.

Naturalist Mrazek accompanied Dr. Frank Craighead, NPS Collaborator and the Park Biologist to the North River as part of a botannical survey on July 5, a nd accompanied Dr. Craighead on the 19th to the headwaters of the Watson River to collect peat samples for carbon dating.

Purple Martins, Cliff and Tree Swallows, Avocets, Red-eyed Vireos and Brown-headed Cowbirds, all early fall migrants, were recorded in the Flamingo area in July. 4 Flamingos, always rare, were observed by employees and visitors alike, feeding cooperatively on the mudflats adjacent to the visitor center on July 20-21.

Bruce B. Paige

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EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
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HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030

August 5, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Secretary, Division of Interpretation

Subject: Monthly Narrative for July, 1966

ADMINISTRATION

General: The following figures are given to document what in this writer's opinion was an outstanding job done by the field personnel of the Division of Interpretation this month. The July, 1965 Monthly Public Contact Report was compared with this July's report and the following story emerged. There was a 27+% reduction in the staff. Approximately 9,500 more people entered the three visitor centers (Parachute Key V.C. alone contacted in the neighborhood of 5,000 additional visitors.) Roving contacts were up 1,220. Both years 25 evening talks were given at Flamingo, but this year 296 more visitors attended. In addition to their regular duties, several special assignments were handled which will be recorded later in this report.

Chief Park Naturalist Ernst T. Christensen was transferred to the Office of International Affairs effective July 3. Before his departure a farewell gathering was held in the home of Assistant Superintendent Burroughs.

District Naturalist Vincent J. Mrazek, in addition to his regular responsibilities, was assigned as Acting Chief Park Naturalist and spent Sundays and Wednesday in Headquarters. Mr. Mrazek was also chosen to survey various sites to ascertain their suitability as Natural Landmarks. Preliminary study on this project was completed during the last week in July and on July 31, Mr. Mrazek commenced travel duty to view these sites.

Work on the observation files was finished. All records have now been placed on observation cards and all cards filed in proper order.

The files maintained in the Division were weeded out; historical records placed in the library; and, research records gathered together. This freed two drawers which are badly needed to hold the library's vertical files.

Visitors: Lawrence Will, an author known for his "cracker" history of Florida writings, visited the Park to have his new manuscript reviewed by members of the staff. Dr. Frank Craighead, Collaborator, talked with Mr. Will and escorted him to various sections of the Park. The Mendlens, Sam and Ruth, and Richard Cunningham reviewed his manuscript and answered his questions pertaining to their field of interests. Mr. Will kindly donated hardbound copies of this works to the library.

Personnel: Park Guide Maude Harriott returned from vacation on July 17 after visiting National Park Service areas in the mid-west.

Park Naturalist (WAE) George Meussenger began his vacation on July 26 in order that he could relax a bit before school starts.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: Because of the extreme heat in the lobby of the Parachute Key Visitor Center, it became necessary the first of the month to move the information desk into the air conditioned auditorium. Although this means that the indoctrinational slide or movie program cannot be shown, the visitor seems to enjoy the cool air and the informal atmosphere. This is reflected in the length of time spent in the room asking questions and browsing through the sales items. As a result Natural History sales have tripled over last month's.

Hourly temperature readings have been taken at various points in the lobby as part of a survey to determine whether air conditioning is warranted.

The new audio visual equipment has been received, but not yet installed in the Parachute Key Visitor Center.

The audiovisual contract has been renewed for servicing of equipment.

The admatic projector, displaying a slide series "Life in a Rookery" in the Flamingo museum, was repaired on July 5 and is in operation.

Interpretive Services: Morning walks conducted at 8:30 on week ends around Flamingo continue to be productive in terms of visitors and wildlife. The assortment of wading birds, augmented by migrating shorebirds, provide the salt water mud flats with one of the most reliable bird shows in the Park at this time of year. Mangrove Cuckoos, Black-Whiskered Vireos, Gray Kingbirds, and an occasional White-Crowned Pigeon are also seen along the way much to the pleasure of out-of-state visitors.

Theatre: Lawrence Hill, an active among for the "veteran" family of Liberia actively visited the Post to drop his new membership mentioned by members of the staff. Dr. Frank Chaigbana, Chairperson, talked with Mr. Hill and received him in various sections of the Post. The Museum, the and Shop, and Eldred Theologian received his membership and answered the questions pertaining to their field of interests. Mr. Hill kindly donated original copies of this works to the library.

Entertainment: Most Ghana Posts Services received free vacation on July 31 to allow visiting National Park Service visit to the old-town.

Post Historical (Old) Europe Department began its vacation on July 31 to allow that he could take a six weeks annual stroll.

Department Activities, etc.

Inventories Initiated: Because of the extreme heat in the lobby of the Secretary Day Visitor Center, it became necessary the first of the month to move the information desk into the air conditioned conditions. Although this meant that the interpretational video or movie program cannot be shown, the visitor seems to enjoy the small lobby and the informal atmosphere. This is reflected in the length of time spent in the room asking questions and browsing through the media items. As a result Natural History sales have tripled over last month's.

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The new radio visual equipment has been received, but not yet installed in the Interpretive Day Visitor Center.

The reference center has been opened for assisting of employees.

The theatre performers displaying a slide series "Life in a Factory" in the Florida museum, was repeated on July 3 and is in operation.

Interpretive Services: Several media presented in display as have been several Florida problems in the productive in terms of visitors and activity. The assistance of visiting there, supported by migrating shorebirds, provide the best venue and flora with one of the most noticable bird shows to the Post in this time of year. Migratory Shore-Shorebirds Times, Open Lighthouse, and an occasional Multi-Crowned Pigeon are also seen along the way much in the pleasure of out-of-state visitors.

Park Ranger Richard Klukas presented three programs entitled "Ranger Activities" during the month.

Park Naturalist Richard L. Cunningham was a guest "star" on Radio Station WKAT's "Miami Calling". This is a rather difficult assignment as it is a live program and whose format revolves around the answering of inquiries made by the listener by telephone. This is the second time Mr. Cunningham was heard answering questions about birds on this program. The second appearance was due to most favorable comments received from the audience.

Park Naturalist Gale K. Zimmer taped approximately 25 vignettes about Everglades NP to be used by Radio Station WIOD during the month.

The "water exhibit" used in the Royal Palm Visitor Center has been refurbished and will soon be back in place.

Research and Observations: With the exception of one large alligator, a few small 'gators, fish, turtles, lubber grasshoppers, and several other assorted "critters", the wildlife show at Royal Palm was nil again this month. In contrast wading birds (herons, egrets, ibis) could be observed in great numbers in the Hole-in-the-Donut.

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Curatorial Activities: The periodicals which were sent to the bindery to be bound were returned early in the month. These amounted to 114 volumes.

70 slides were added to the Park's slide library.

At the request of Crater of the Moon, a set of Everglade slides were sent to them as an aid in their interpretive program.

All the magazines which have accummulated during the past few years, have been examined and articles of value removed. These will be placed in the vertical file.

Marion B. Goble

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Everglades National Park
Sept 3, 1966

Memorandum

To: Acting Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for August, 1966

General

Rainfall at Flamingo was about average for August, however, much less than June and July of this year. Fresh water levels in the glades and mangroves began to drop. Mosquitoes were a great deal less of a nuisance than in the spring and early summer months.

There was a slight drop in visitor use under last year. Certainly part of this was due to the airline strike, and some perhaps to the newly inaugurated entrance fee.

Hurricane "Faith" threatened the Bahamas and the southeastern seaboard of the U.S. late in August, but veered off to the north and northeast while still 500 miles away, causing no interruption of park operations.

Visitor information and orientation stations

Approximately 310 visitors were contacted at the Flamingo information desk this month. There was limited manning of this facility due to reduced personnel.

Status of museum exhibits and collections

An inspection of the exhibits in the Flamingo museum was made by Naturalists Zimmer, Mrazek and Paige to determine which were most in need of refurbishing by the WASO Museum Lab. It has been recommended that the introductory "Flamingo Museum" sign just inside the door and the "Life in the Bay" exhibit should be the first for brightening up. Other recommendations and suggestions concerning some of the other exhibits were made as well, especially the replacement of the worn-out,obsolete and mal-functioning admatic projector which shows and describes "Life in a Rookery".

Talks and campfire programs

Attendance at evening programs was average for the month of August.

Ranger Richard Klukas continued to be of assistance to the reduced naturalist staff by presenting five evening programs during the month.

Personnel

Park Naturalist Mrazek was in travel status from August 1 until August 10th investigating five proposed natural areas in Florida for possible designation as National Registered Natural Landmarks. A great deal of time after returning from this survey was spent on the preparation of evaluation reports, with the able assistance of the Naturalist's Secretary.

Mrazek also served as Acting Chief Naturalist during the month. Sundays, and Wednesdays each week were spent at Headquarters attending to the duties of that position.

Acting Chief Naturalist Mrazek attended a meeting in the Superintendent's office concerning proposed wilderness boundaries within the park on Aug 24th.

Vincent J. Mrazek

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REFER TO:
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September 6, 1966

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Secretary, Division of Interpretation

Subject: Monthly Narrative for August, 1966

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Naturalist Mrazek also served as Acting Chief Naturalist during the month. Sundays and Wednesdays each week were spent at Headquarters attending to the duties of that position.

Acting Chief Naturalist Mrazek attended a meeting in the Superintendent's office concerning proposed wilderness boundaries within the Park on August 24.

The Division's secretary, Marion Goble, escorted State Department guests J.P. Geidin and Patrict Hache (college students from France) through the Park on August 16. On August 15, Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer escorted the boys on a walk along the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo Trails.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: An inspection of the exhibits in the Flamingo museum was made by Naturalists Zimmer, Mrazek, and Paige to determine which were most in need of refurbishing by the WASO Museum Lab. It has been recommended that the introductory "Flamingo Museum" sign just inside the door and the "Life in the Bay" exhibit should be the first for brightening up. Other recommendations and suggestions concerning some of the other exhibits were made as well especially the replacement of the worn-out, obsolete and mal-functioning aquatic projector which shows and describes "Life in a Rookery".

All the lift boxes along the Shark Valley Loop Road were removed and brought to Headquarters where they were refurbished by Park Naturalist Zimmer.

The "water" exhibit has been replaced in the Royal Palm museum and the "Liguus" exhibit has now been refurbished and also replaced.

Beginning the last week in August, the Park Service's 50th Anniversary was featured at Parachute Key Visitor Center with an exhibit of photographs taken in various National Park Service areas by Photographer Dade Thornton.

Interpretive Services:

Approximately 310 visitors were contacted at the Flamingo information desk this month. There was limited manning of this facility due to reduced personnel.

Attendance at evening programs was average for the month of August.

Ranger Richard Klukas continued to be of assistance to the reduced naturalist staff by presenting five evening programs during the month.

Research and Observations: Fresh water levels in the glades and mangroves began to drop. Mosquitoes were a great deal less of a nuisance than in the spring and early summer months.

John Ogden, former Seasonal Naturalist, visited the area on August 4-5 to make a few more observations of the Short-tailed Hawks. He found that both the male and the female can still be observed in the area, but are not nesting. Their hawklet which John had attempted to raide died of accidental pdsoning just prior to the planned release date.

Four collecting permits were issued.

Shore birds were beginning to show up in the Hole-in-the-Donut towards the end of the month.

Since the water level in Taylor Slough dropped, there is a considerable fish concentration at Royal Palm and large numbers of Large Mouth Bass and Gar can be seen under the bridge.

Naturalist Zimmer was successful in her attempt to hatch a clutch of soft-shelled turtles. 13 out of 14 eggs hatched, and the hatchlings released in Taylor Slough.

Upland Plovers and Pectoral Sandpipers have been sighted near Flamingo.

Curatorial Activities: Miss Ann Bellinger, who has been granted a permit to collect vascular plants, worked in the herbarium identifying certain grasses. Under the direction of Dr. Craighead, she plans to continue this work as her time allows.

Mrs. A. Bradley, Librarian, has returned from vacation and is continuing her work in the Park's reference library. With the acquisition of two filing cabinets this month, work has been started on cataloguing the vertical file.

Marion B. Goble

Mrs. E. Bruley, Librarian, has received five weeklies and is checking her
work in the Town's reference library. With the completion of the filing
cabinets this month, work has been started on cataloguing the vertical file.

Everglades National Park
Oct. 3, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for September, 1966

General

Weather conditions were normal with the exception of the threat of hurricane "Inez" on the last day of the month.

Visitor use was up over September of last year, but there were no disruptions of operations due to hurricanes as occurred with "Betsy" last year. All in all it was a completely average September.

Talks and campfire programs

The entire interpretive program at Flamingo was reduced to a one man operation. Talks were given three nights a week instead of six and morning walks were conducted only on weekends. Attendance at programs was sparse and in keeping with the overall drop in visitation after Labor Day.

Personnel

Naturalist Bruce Paige was reassigned to the Royal Palm area on Sept. 4th prior to leaving for the fall session of the Mather Interpretive Training Center at Harpers Ferry on Sept 16th.

Naturalist Mrazek spent two days at Hdqs working on a special assignment for the superintendent this month.

Observations

The fall migration was well under way this month and an abundance of swallows, warblers, a variety of other land birds and waterfowl were seen in the area.

The first Marsh Hawk of the season was seen at Flamingo on Sept 24th.

Two Ruffs were reported seen near the Flamingo bridge on Sept 18th.

Vincent J. Mrazek
Park Naturalist

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Monthly Narrative Report, Division of Interpretation, September, 1966

ADMINISTRATION

General: Newly assigned Assistant Chief Naturalist Larry J. Tillman spent his first few weeks buying a home in nearby Homestead, settling in there and into the routine and ways of Everglades National Park. Mr. Tillman is a botanist and according made his first major trips into the area with Dr. Frank Craighead. A few days after his arrival Naturalist Gale K. Zimmer accompanied him on an orientation trip to points of interest along the Main Park Road. Mr. Tillman also visited the Shark Valley area where he was taken on an airboat tour of the area.

With the arrival of Mr. Tillman, Naturalist Vincent Mrazek was relieved of his duties as Acting Chief Naturalist and these duties were then assigned to the Assistant Chief Naturalist.

Mr. Pat Miller, presently Assistant Chief Naturalist at Rocky Mountains, has accepted the position of Chief Park Naturalist here at Everglades with the transfer effective October 9. Mr. Miller traveled to this area to do a little house hunting prior to his move. With the aid of Mr. Tillman, he was able to find a suitable house for rent and made arrangements for shipment of his household effects.

Acting Chief Naturalist Tillman attended a meeting in the Superintendent's office relating to job opportunities. On September 29, he also attended the Superintendent's Staff Meeting held in the Glades District.

Larry Tillman gave his first off-site talk to the Redland District Lions Club on September 27.

Naturalist Mrazek spent two days at Headquarters working on a special assignment

DRAFT - MEMORANDUM

Subject: Monthly Report, Division of Interpretation, September, 1954

ADMINISTRATION

General: Newly assigned Assistant Chief Naturalist Larry L. Tillman spent his first few weeks buying a home in nearby Somerset, meeting in-laws and kin-folk and vows of Everglades National Park. Mr. Tillman is a bachelor and according made his first major trips from the area with Mr. Bruce Christmas. I don know after his retired Naturalist Dale E. Skinner accompanied him on an informative trip in point of interest along the Main Park Road. Mr. Tillman also visited the Coast Guard station in the Flamingo area and the Park Headquarters.

With the arrival of Mr. Tillman, Naturalists Thomas Barnes was relieved of his duties as Acting Chief Naturalist and these duties were then assigned to the Assistant Chief Naturalist.

Mr. Ray Miller, previously Assistant Chief Naturalist at Rocky Mountains, has accepted the position of Chief Park Naturalist here at Everglades with the effective October 1. Mr. Miller traveled to this area to do a little house hunting prior to his move. With the aid of Mr. Tillman, he was able to find a suitable home for rent and made arrangements for shipment of his household effects.

Acting Chief Naturalist Tillman attended a meeting in the Superintendent's office relating to Job appreciation. On September 13, he also attended the Superintendent's Staff Meeting held in the Clyde District.

Larry Tillman gave his first off-site talk to the Medical District Lions Club on September 17.

Assistant Naturalist spent four days at Headquarters working on a special assignment

for the Superintendent dealing with the new Park brochure.

Park Guide Maude Harriott whose primary duty station is Parachute Key Visitor Center was assigned to Royal Palm on September 27, 28, and 29 for orientation in conducting guided walks of that area.

Mrs. Joan Browder, freelance writer, spent a day in the library researching for a proposed article on Manchineel for the National Parks Magazine. Mrs. Browder is actively involved in promoting the Biscayne National Monument and while she was here gathered data for articles she is to write for a local newspaper which is also interested in promoting the monument.

Personnel: Naturalists Bruce Paige and Gale Zimmer left to attend the fall training session at Mathers Training Center during the second week of the month. To partially fill the gap gxeated by the above and to aid during the heavy visitor use period, Miss Elaine Hounsell was accepted as a Seasonal Naturalist.

Naturalist Bruce Paige was reassigned to the Royal Palm area on September 4th prior to leaving for Harpers Ferry.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

nterpretive Facilities: Mr. Tillman began finalizing the text for the labels which re to be used in conjunction with the Thomas mural.

nstructions were received from the Museum Brahch for disposition of several exhibits rom Flamingo and Parachute Key Visitor Center which was to be refurbished and work as been started to implement these instructions.

aturalist Zimmer completed refurbishing the lift box exhibits for Shark Valley oop Road. These are now ready to be replaced as soon as the road is again open o the public.

terpretive Services: The interpretive program at Flamingo was reduced to a one man
eration. Talks were given three nights a week instead of six and morning walks
re conducted only on weekends. Attendance at programs was sparse and in keeping
th the overall drop in visitation after Labor Day.

an effort to aid the visitor to the fullest extent, roving naturalist contacts
re stepped up at Royal Palm. Although when the demand warrants it, time will still
spent in the visitor center proper, the major effort will be directed in mingling
th the visitors along the wall and trails, pointing out things of interest, and
couraging their questions. It is hoped that this method will help the visitor to
tter understand this complex area.

search and Observations:

ildlife was scarce again this month at Royal Palm and there was nothing noteworthy to port.

e fall migration was well under way this month and abundance of swallows, warblers, variety of other land birds, and waterfowl were seen in the Flamingo area.

amingo also reported that on September 24, the first Marsh Hawk of the season was en and on September 18 two Ruffs were reported near the bridge.

t of the two clutches of Diamond-back Terrapins eggs which Naturalist Zimmer ought back from the Tallahassee area, all but two eggs hatched. The development these animals will be observed and recorded since this species is found in e Park.

though bats have been seen in Everglades National Park on rare occasions, as far we know no bats from the Park have ever been caught and identified; therefore, there s much excitment when a nest of bats were found in a dead Royal Palm which was ing removed from the grounds adjacent to Headquarters. One skull which had been vered during cutting operations and one whole animal were taken as specimens. sitive identification will be made as soon as the skull can be prosessed.

. Jones and Carroll of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reported observing a Black ar swimming across Harney River on September 1. The bear appeared to be in good ndition.

tification has been received from Dr. Archie Carr that a shipment of Green Turtles ll be arriving between October 5 and 8.

urbin Tabb, Institute of Marine Sciences, relates that on a trip from Sandy Key to
lamingo this month he spotted a turtle weighing about 40 lbs which he believes
s a Green Turtle. A report was also received from a local commercial fisherman
at he has been catching 40 pound Green Turtles frequently along the Upper Florida
ys.

tural History Association:

s. Naomi Houston, Clerk, has resigned, but continues working a few days a ek until Mr. Miller arrives to hire a replacement.

ss Cynthia McHugh has started college and has therefore had her work schedule duced to weekends. Cynthia is planning a career in the National Park Service a Naturalist.

th approval of the Board of Directors, Mrs. Bruce Paige has been hired to work veral days a week assisting Dr. Robertson and the Par Librarian.

Everglades National Park
Nov. 2, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for October, 1966

General

Erratic Hurricane "Inez" caused a great deal of concern at Flamingo from Oct. 1st to Oct 5th. But there was little physical damage as winds just barely qualified as hurricane velocity with gusts to 80 knots and there were no abnormally high tides as occurred with "Donna" and "Betsy". There was moderate salt and wind burn damage to the vegetation and some broken tree limbs. Two evening programs were cancelled during the "alert".

The weather took a definite turn for the cooler on Oct. 20th and continued cool to the end of the month. An influx of out of state campers began arriving as colder weather set in up north.

Talks and campfire programs

Talks were continued on a three program per week basis and the attendance began to increase toward the end of the month. Morning walks on weekends were also picking up in attendance the latter part of the month.

Personnel

Miss Elaine Hounsell was assigned to the Flamingo area as a seasonal Park Naturalist on Oct. 15th. In the ensuing two weeks she was indoctrinated into the interpretive programs scheduled here and taken on several orientation trips into the back country.

Observations

The refoliation of a number of tree species following the hurricane was of interest in this area. Trees that received wind and salt burn damage began to leaf out with new foliage about a week after the storm. Mahogany, Gumbo Limbo and Jamaica Dogwood were the more conspicuous of these trees. Normally the foliage change takes place in the spring.

There were several indicators that heralded the early arrival of our winter season. The vanguard of White Pelicans migrating from the Northwest and numbering 17 birds arrived on Oct. 12th, an early arrival date. About 500 more arrived by Oct. 24th and as in previous years spent much of the daylight hours on the mud bank at low tide in front of the visitor center to the delight and amazement of visitors.

Sparrow Hawks took up their winter residence here and the first few wood storks were seen in the Flamingo area toward the end of the month. A pair of adult Bald Eagles were seen around a nesting tree near the road about ½ mile north of Flamingo.

Fresh water in the mangroves began to recede slightly and concentrations of Killifish, Mosquito Fish, Mollies and crawfish began drawing flocks of egrets, herons and ibis to feed where they could be seen from the road.

The abundance of fish, crawfish and other fresh water aquatic forms may be indicators for a favorable coming nesting season.

Vincent J. Mrazek

Vincent J. Mrazek
Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services, October, 1966

ADMINISTRATION

General: Chief Park Naturalist, Pat Miller, participated in the following activities during the month:

Oct 10 — First day of duty at Everglades. Flew west coast of the Park with Ranger-Pilot Miele, Dr. Robertson, and Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman.

Oct 11 — Flew Florida Bay with Ranger-Pilot Miele and Dr. Robertson.

Oct 12 & 13 — Flew to Fort Jefferson accompanied by Mr. Tillman.

Oct 23 - 26 — In area with Museum Planning Team, Regional Naturalist Don Robinson and Carl Degan, Chief Motion Picture and Audiovisual Branch, WASO.

Several familiarization trips were made to points along the Main Park Road, Royal Palm, Shark Valley, and Flamingo.

Tuesday Afternoon Lecture, Imitation of Insectivorous and Viscid Secretions, December, 1916

Conference: Chief Bot. Experiment, Fra Miller, participated in the following activities during the month:

Dec 20 Plant day at Rock or Springdale. Flew over coast of six Bermuda Longer-Tile Birds. In: Observer, and Assistant Chief Observation Tilton.

Dec 21 Flew Florida Bay with Longer-Tile Birds and In. Observer.

Dec 23 & 24 Flew in Post Delivery maintained by Mr. Tilton.

Dec 28 - 31 In area with Tuesday Planting Tree, Regional Secretary Dec Delivery and Chief Engr. Chief Marine Pilotage and Aeronautical Branch, Navy.

Several Qualification trips were made to points along the Main Test Road, Royal Palm, Shark Valley, and Flamingo.

Personnel: Naturalist Bruce Paige accepted a promotion and transfer to Prince William National Forest.

Naturalist Dick Cunningham accepted a transfer and promotion to Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument.
Replacements have been requested from SERO.

Seasonal Naturalist Elaine Hounsell was assigned duty station at Flamingo on October 15 and will be the naturalist-in-charge during the absence of Vincent Mrazek who will be on annual leave between November 4 and December 3.

Interpretive Facilities: The Museum Planning Team, Mr. Carl Degan, and Mr. Don Robinson reviewed the Shark Valley Interpretive Prospectus and visited the Shark Valley and Fort Jefferson areas. Their visits were made to obtain material to design interpretive exhibits for these areas.

Maintenance personnel constructed a sign to indicate the location of the rest rooms to the visitors entering the Parachute Key Visitor Center.

Interpretive facilities: The Museum Planning Team, Mr. Dell Dayle, and Mr. Ben Watkins reviewed the Shaw Valley interpretive prospectus and visited the Shaw Valley and Fort Jefferson areas. These visits were made to obtain material to design interpretive exhibits for these areas.

Miscellaneous personnel instructed & algs to initiate the transfer of the west room to the visitors entering the Peninsula Dry Visitor Center.

Interpretive Services: With the advent of cooler weather, the information dispensing point in Parachute Key Visitor Center was relocated from the auditorium to the lobby and the orientational slide program was put back into operation on October 17.

An analysis of interpretive services is currently in progress. The final results of this will show daily, weekly, monthly, and seasonal patterns of visitor use of the facilities and services offered at Everglades NP. Future Division of Interpretation staff assignments and programs will be based on these findings.

Assistant Chief Larry Tillman presented two off-site programs.

Research and Observations: The refoliation of a number of tree species following the hurricane was of interest. Trees that received wind and salt burn damage began to leaf out with new foliage about a week after the storm. Mahogany, Gumbo Limbo, and Jamaica Dogwood were the most conspicuous. Normally the foliage change takes place in the spring.

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Fresh water in the mangroves began to recede slightly and concentrations of Killifish, Mosquito Fish, Mollies, and crawfish began drawing flocks of egrets, herons, and ibis to feed where they could be seen from the road.

Other noteworthy obeervations:

Three Diamondback Rattlesnakes were removed from the Headquarters area.

Cowbird (male), Fort Jefferson, October 29, by J.R. DeWeese

White-winged Dove, Flamingo, October 20, by V.J. Mrazek

Flamingo, 1 mile east of Dump Key, October 31, by D. Castleberry

Song Sparrow, Flamingo, October 21, by V.J. Mrazek

Painted Bunting (both male and female), October 9, by V.J. Mrazek

Festivities and Observations: The celebrations of a number of five counties
following the festivities was so dedicated. Three days featured wind and rain
there though began to last out with one village about a week after the storm.
Mahogany, Shrubs Slave, and America figured were the most conspicuous. Basically
the fellows change takes place in the evening.

On Thursday there were several indicators that heralded the early arrival of
our winter season. The sequoyah of white Pelicans migrating from the Dominions
and wandering if birds arrived on October 13, an early arrival date. About 500
were arrived by October 15 and is in previous years count south of the daylight
hours as the end hour at five time to leave of the winter center to the daylight
and abundance of activity. Eastern Shasta tend to their winter residence here
and the first low wood ducks were seen in the Flamingo area toward the end of
the month. A pair of male Bald Eagles were seen fished a nesting tree near the
road above I mile north of Flamingo.

Trash water in the mangrove began to recede slightly and concentrations of
killifish, Mosquito Fish, Sailfins, and crayfish began showing flocks of egrets,
herons, and ibis to feed where they could be seen from the road.

Other noteworthy observations:

These Diamondback Terrapins were removed from the Headquarters area.

Combined (Wells), Fort Jefferson, October 22, by J.K. Dawsons

Multiple-winged Dove, Flamingo, December 21, by V.J. Brooks

Flamingo, 1 mile east of Dump Key, October 31, by D. Swarbrecht

Good Sparrow, Flamingo, Ostrams 11, by V.J. Brooks

Painted Bunting Lords male and Female, October 9, by V.J. Brooks.

Curatorial Activities: As of October 31, 54 books were on loan from the Park's reference library.

The jackets from new library books are being circulated to outlying areas to apprise the staff of literature which is available.

In order to expedite scheduling, mimeographed post cards were prepared to answer requests for loan of the film "Highlights of the Everglades". Also, mimeographed cards were made to be included with the film when mailed so that information needed for reports could be easily supplied by the borrower.

Mr. Glenn A. Osborn, Advertising Department, E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Delaware, spent several hours in the library researching material on the "Alligator Alley" area north of the Park.

Mr. Holgerson, Fish and Wildlife Service, spent several days in the library compiling reference material on the Everglades Kite.

At the request of David Ochsner, the Park's copy of the "Bald Eagle" was sent for showing at Stephen T. Mather Interpretive Training & Research Center.

Consecutive questions: As of September 15, 34 books were on loan from the Chair's reference library.

The private file was started one month ago and is growing steadily as more information becomes available.

In order to expedite terminating, mimeographed post cards were printed. Cards, stamped returned to Room 4 of the file "Highlights of the Campaign". Also, mimeographed cards were made to be included with the file when mailed at that termination wanted for whatever could be easily supplied by the Bureau.

Mr. Glenn A. Osborn, Advertising Department, R.E. Dalton Co. Chicago, spent several hours in the library researching material on the "Flighty Kite" area north of the Park.

Mr. Hodgeson, Pal and Utility Service, spent several days in the library compiling reference material on the Campaign file.

At the request of Kent Wooster, the Chair's copy of the "Bald Eagle" was lent for showing at Chapter 7, Hooper Multipurpose Building & Recreation Center.

Miscellaneous: Assistant Chief Naturalist Larry Tillman met with the Ranger Aids on October 10. Mr. Tillman has undertaken their training for the coming year. Beginning in November, they will again be a part of the week-end interpretive program at Royal Palm.

A list of local Everglades Natural History members was supplied to Mrs. Joan Browder to aid her in mailing news letters to persons who may be interested in fostering the Biscayne National Monument.

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Everglades Natural History Association: A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Everglades Natural History Association was held on October 31. The annual meeting of the members and fish fry will be held on December 10.

Mrs. Jennette Clark has been retained as bookkeeper for the association.

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Everglades National Park
Dec. 2, 1966

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Seasonal Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for November, 1966

General

A few windy days combined with a couple of cold snaps at the beginning and end of the Month indicated the approach of the winter season. Increased visitation further substantiated the coming of the season.

There was a 46% increase in Total Visitor Days over that of November, 1965. Probably some of this increase in visitation can be attributed to a decrease in the pestilence of mosquitoes, of this Month over the previous November.

Conducted Trips

Bayshore Walks on weekends were well-attended during the Month.

Talks and Campfire Programs

Three programs per week were given throughout the month, and their attendance had increased more than threefold over that of October. In fact, on the Thanksgiving Weekend visitors were turned away from the Auditorium after a crowded 120-person capacity had been reached.

Chief Park Naturalist Pat Miller presented "~~Highlights of the Everglades~~ Prowlers of the Everglades" to the Secretary's Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments, on November 28th. Another special program was presented by Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Larry Tillman on November 29th: Senator and Mrs. Horton of New York, along with other Park Visitors, viewed "Prowlers of the Everglades."

Interpretive Personnel and Training

District Park Naturalist Vince Mrazek was on Annual Leave most of the month. Thus, the interpretive program at Flamingo was reduced to a one-(wo)man operation.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Elaine Hounsell attended the In-Service Training Program at Headquarters on November 22nd.

Miscellaneous Interpretive Activities and Wildlife Observations

Chief Park Naturalist Pat Miller and Park Ranger Dick Klukas took some members of the Wilderness Team out on Florida Bay on November 16th.

Many interpretive patrols to Mahogany Hammock and intervening points were made during the month. The birds at Coot Bay Pond and roadside mangrove thickets have been providing a major attraction for Park Visitors. White Ibis, Wood Storks, Roseate Spoonbills, and numerous herons and egrets flock together at these various feeding places.

Throughout the month Bald Eagles passed time, either singularly or in pairs at the Coot Bay Pond nest and at the nest located $\frac{1}{4}$ mile up from the Service Road and Park Road junction. Nest-building activity was observed, but actual nesting has not been evinced.

Not to be overlooked is the influx of waterfowl: Coots, Grebes, Ruddy Ducks, and Red-Breasted Mergansers have been observed along the shoreline of Florida Bay, Coot Bay Pond, Mrazek Pond, West Lake, and the numerous roadside ponds. Of special note are the hundreds of Coot seen on West Lake these days.

A few Flamingos have been spotted out in Florida Bay recently.

Elaine A. Hounsell

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Monthly Narrative Report, Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services, November, 1966

ADMINISTRATION

General: Chief Park Naturalist, Pat Miller, participated in the following activities during the month.

11/7 Visited Shark Valley with Assistant Chief Naturalist, Larry Tillman, for familiarization purposes.

11/8-11/9 Met with District Ranger Stokes in Everglades for the express purpose of planning a trail on Indian Key for use by the concessioner. He was accompanied by Mr. Tillman.

11/14-15-16 Accompanied Wilderness Team to Cape Sable, Tarpon Bay, Shark River, etc.

11/17 Met with Messrs. Thompson and Perkins, Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, who were interested in the "how's" of creating interpretive devices. Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer also attended this meeting.

11/22 Attended Superintendent's staff meeting; participated in Training program.

11/27-28-29 Accompanied Advisory Board during their stay in this park.

11/30 Moved to quarters in Pine Island from Homestead.

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Monthly Narrative Report, Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services,
November, 1934.

ABSTRACTION

(General) Chief Park Naturalist, Mr. Miller, participated in the following activities during the month.

11\7 Visited Bruin Valley with Assistant Chief Naturalist, Larry Tilden, for familiarization purposes.

11\8-11\9 Met with Director Cooper Brown in Berryglen for the purpose of planning a trail on Indian Dry Run by the conservationer. He was accompanied by Mr. Tilden.

11\14-15-16 Interpreted Wilderness Tree in Type Table, Terrace Bay, Bruin River, etc.

11\17 Met with Messrs. Thompson and Martin, Lumberville Natural Utility Co., who were interested in the "how's" of erecting interpretive devices. Asst. Naturalist Dale Risner also attended this meeting.

11\19 Attended Superintendent's staff meeting; participated in Training Program.

11\17-24-26 Accompanied Advisory Board during their stay in this park.

11\30 Moved to quarters in Pine Island Farm Conservation.

Personnel: Park Naturalists Bruce Paige and Gale Zimmer returned from training at Mather Training Center.

On November 15, a coffee was held in headquarters to bid goodby to Bruce Paige who transferred to Prince William Forest Park and Richard Cunningham who transferred to Organ Pipe Cactus NM.

District Naturalist Vincent Mrazek was on annual leave during most of the month. During this time he visited in the Virgin Islands and Florida.

Park Guide Ruth Mendlen was on annual leave during the latter part of the month. She and husband Sam visited their daughter and points on the west coast of Florida.

Michael J. Storey, trainee from Horace M. Albright Training Center, has accepted a transfer to Everglades as a naturalist. He will EOD on 12/17.

Naturalist Kelly F. Motherspaugh, who has been on furlough, returned to duty on November 20.

Personnel: Mark Metcalfe Bruce Paige and Dale Zimmer returned from
testing at Denver Testing Center.

On November 15, a policy was held by lawyers to tell Bruce Paige
who transferred to Prince William Forest Park and Richard Zwerling who
remained at Organ Pipe Cactus NM.

Director Hercelle Flores Reeves was on annual leave during most of the week.
During this time he visited in the Virgin Islands and Florida.

Park Cadre Fred Heelan was on annual leave during the latter part of the week.
He and husband Dan visited their daughter and grandchildren on the west coast of
Florida.

Michael J. Storey, trainee from Bermuda M. Albright Training Center, has
accepted a transfer to Everglades as a naturalist. He will EOD on 12/17.

Naturalist Kelly S. Mottershaugh, who has been on furlough, returned
to duty on November 12.

Interpretive Facilities: Royal Palm Visitor Center was broken into on November 18. Sales items as well as exhibit material was taken.

Vandalism to lift box exhibits on the Mangrove and Pinelands Trails during the month has greatly reduced the number of these devices in place. Maintenance personnel are repairing the damage and it is hoped that they will be back in place in time for the beginning of the heavy visitor use season.

The admatic machine in the Flamingo Museum is still inoperative.

The Ernst Coe exhibit water marked during Hurricane Betsy was worked on by Naturalist Zimmer and will shortly be reinstalled in Parachute Key Visitor Center.

The representative from Altec - audiovisual maintenance contractor - worked on equipment making routine adjustments. One projector was taken to his office for repair.

Subjunctive Tenses: Most Talk Theatre Comedy and Drama students use
Subjunctive 12. Either Tense is useful in creating materials and tissues.

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performers are beautiful the change but it is hoped that they will be best in
place in time for the beginning of the heavy rights and seasons.

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Materials Theatre and will shortly be interested to tomorrow Day Theatre
Dancers.

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on equipment meeting creating adjustments. The particle was taken to his
virtue in music.

Interpretive Services: Interpretive road patrols were inaugurated this month and contacts were made on the Pinelands, Pa-hay-okee, and Mahogany Hammock Trails as well as intervening points along the main park road.

Visitation at Parachute Key Visitor Center doubled over October of this year - from 4,741 to 9,572. At Flamingo, theee evening programs per week were given throughout the month; the attendance of 959 was an increase of more than threefold over that of October. During the Thanksgiving weekend, visitors attending the program exceed the capacity of the auditorium which is 120//

The panel exhibit was loaned to Burdine's Department Store for viewing at the So. Flotida Council, Boy Scouts of America, Exposition held at Miami Beach Convention Hall on November 11 & 12. 10,000 persons were in attendance.

Request for off-site talks have increased, many of which are to be given in 1967. This month, Asst. Chief Naturalist Tillman Was a guest on a radio program sponsored by the Future Farmers of America and spoke to the Sundet Garden Club (attendance 15); George Neusaenger gave a program to the South Florida Unit, Wally Byrum Trailer Caravans (Attendance 200). In addition, there were 5 showings of the film loan material (attendance 424).

Chief Park Naturalist Pat Miller presented "Prowlers of the Everglades" to the Secretary's Advisory Board on November 28. Another special program was presented at Flamingo by Asst. Chef Naturalist Larry Tillman on November 29 to Senator and Mrs. Horton of New York and other Park visitors.

Bayshore walks on weekends were well attended during the month. The average number taking these walks was 17.2.

Approximately 933 school children were taken on guided walks along the Anhinga Trail and were shown the introductory slide program at Parachute Key V.C.

Research and Observations: There were two hatches of alligators at Royal Palm and numerous Anhingas have been seen - all but two seem to be females.

Bald Eagles, either singularly on the pairs have been seen at the Coot Bay Pond nest and at the nest located ½ mile up from the service road and park road junction. Nest-building activity was observed, but actual nesting has not been evinced.

Coots, Grebes, Ruddy Ducks, and Red-Breasted Mergansers have been observed along the shoreline of Florida Bay, Coot Bay Pond, "Mrazek" Pond, West Lake, and the numerous roadside ponds. Of special note have been the hundreds of Coots seen on West Lake.

The birds at Coot Bay Pond and roadside mangrove thickets have been providing a major attraction for Park visitors. White Ibis, Wood Ibis, Roseate Spoonbills, and numerous herons and egrets flock together at these feeding places.

Individual observations of note:

1. Bobcat with W. Stork in its mouth ran across the road one mile north of Coot Bay Pond. Bird was apparently dead. (Observed by G. Neusaenger, 12/4/66)
2. Three Sandhill Cranes feeding on north side of park road 3 miles south of Pa-hay-okee (Observed by G. Neusaenger, 11/26/66).
3. Three Flamingos flying at about 300' elevation near Coot Bay Pond. (Observed by Alexander & Breazeale, 11/28/66)
4. Short-tailed Hawk in black phase, end of Buttonwood Creek. (Observed by F. Hubbard, 11/26/66).
5. One panther observed 3/4 mile above Homestead Canal. (Observed by Mosely, 11/10/66).

Sunspots and Observations: There were two pictures of sunspots on Sept 7th and numerous sunspots have been seen - all but two seen in the Zenaler.

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Ducks, Geese, Teal, and Red-breasted Mergansers have been observed along the coastline of Florida Bay, Deer Bay Pond, "Pearce" Pond, Deer Lake, and the numerous coastline ponds. Of specific note have been the hundreds of Ducks seen on Deer Lake.

The birds at Deer Bay Pond and coastline mangrove hillsides have been providing a major attraction for bird watchers. White Ibis, Snowy Egrets, Roseate Spoonbills, and numerous herons and egrets first sighted at these feeding grounds.

Individual observations of note:

1. Osprey with a fish in its mouth was seeing the pond one mile north of Deer Bay Pond. Bird was apparently dead. (Observed by G. Rosenberg, 11/9/64)
2. Three Sandhill Cranes feeding on north side of park road 3 miles east of Ft-Lop-Hlee (Observed by G. Rosenberg, 11/24/64).
3. Three Flamingos flying at about 300' elevation near Deer Bay Pond. (Observed by Alexander & Rosenberg, 11/24/64)
4. Horse-tailed Hawk in black plume, bird of Swallow-tailed Kites. (Observed by F. Hubbard, 11/28/64).
5. One panther observed 3/4 mile above Homestead Canal. (Observed by Moseley, 12/12/64).

Everglades National Park
Jan. 3, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for December, 1966

General

The weather was ideal for enjoyable park visitation most of the month. Summer like weather prevailed during the holidays and as usual there was an avalanche of visitors to the park. Facilities were taxed far beyond capacity from Dec. 21 to the end of the month.

Conducted Trips

The new winter schedule of trips went into effect on Dec. 24th. In addition to the daily Bayshore W alks, six long hikes were conducted each week along the Bear Lake Trail, Snake Bight Road and Coastal Prairie. A walk was conducted each Saturday morning along the Mangrove Trail. These newly scheduled hikes had the desirable effect of reducing crowded conditions on the Bayshore Walk.

Talk and Campfire Programs

Talks were increased to nightly beginning Dec. 24th and a new rotating two week schedule of varying programs was begun.

The planned outdoor campfire circle facility for presenting evening programs was not yet completed and the usual overcrowding and turn-away conditions at the auditorium occurred as expected during the holidays.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

Seasonal Naturalist George B. Stevenson entered on duty Dec. 18th. Mr. Stevenson is a well known local naturalist, having worked as a guide and lecturer on the Florida Keys for the past fifteen years. We are fortunate to have his services.

Mr. Michael Storey began his tour of duty as a permanent naturalist at Flamingo on Dec. 22. Mr. Storey arrived directly from the Horace M. Albright Training Center and has had previous experience as a seasonal park naturalist in Yellowstone National Park.

This brings the complement of naturalists at Flamingo for the winter season to four, the most since interpretive programs were begun in 1958.

Mr. Storey was given as much training and orientation as time permitted before plunging into the full schedule of interpretive activities for the winter season.

Mrazek spent several days training Tram Tour operators for conducting the Wilderness Tram Tour to Snake Bight.

Miscellaneous Activities and Wildlife Observations

The Florida Science Study Seminar (Classroom on Wheels) from New York, comprising 110 students under the leadership of Mrs. Doris Timpano were given special attention on the evenings of Dec. 25, 26 & 28. Flamingo naturalists served as consultants on two of the evenings and a film with a question and answer period was presented on the third.

Mr. Dennis Stock, photographer for Holiday Magazine was conducted on several field trips by Mrazek as well as by ranger personnel.

Bird shows at roadside ponds and canals near Flamingo were spectacular most of the month. Roseate Spoonbills, Wood Storks, Egrets, Herons and White Ibis could be seen in abundance at close range at Coot Bay Pond, other nearby ponds and along Bear Lake and Snake Bight roads. A number of alligators were frequently seen in Homestead, Bear Lake and Snake Bight canals. Bald Eagles were observed nesting at Coot Bay, Frank Key and Palm Key.

A Brant was seen on the mud flat in front of the Flamingo Visitor Center early in the afternoon on Dec. 31.

Vincent J. Mrazek
Park Naturalist

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Narrative Report for December, 1966, Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services.

Special Activities: Chief Park Naturalist Pat Miller was honored to accept an invitation from the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh to become a Research Associate in the Section of Amphibians and Reptiles.

On December 15, after attending the Superintendent's staff meeting, the Chief Park Naturalist accompanied by Dr. Neil Richmond of Carnegie Museum traveled to Everglades to work on the Sand Fly Island Trail and to escort Dr. Richmond on a tour of the Shark Valley Loop Road.

In company of Hydraulic Engineer Frank Nix, Chief Park Naturalist Miller left for the Lostman's River area on December 28 returning to Everglades on December 30. Enroute they inspected the Sand Fly Island Trail.

Retrieving Papers for December, 1861, Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services.

Special Activities: Chief Park Naturalist Pat Miller was honored to accept an invitation from the Durango Museum to distribute to Jerome B Wheeler Associate in the Section of Amphibians and Reptiles.

On December 13, after attending the Superintendent's staff meeting, the Chief Park Naturalist accompanied by Dr. Neil Richmond of Durango Museum traveled in Wrangladen in west on the Long Fly Island Trail and to mountain by. Returned on a tour of the Black Valley Loop Road.

In company of Mckenzie Engineer Frank Ela, Chief Park Naturalist Miller left for the Tumpson's River area on December 21 returning in Wrangladen on December 31. During they Inspected the Blue Fly Island Trail.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Michael Storey began his tour of duty as a permanent naturalist at Flamingo on December 22. Mr. Storey arrived directly from the Horace M. Albright Training Center and has had previous experience as a Seasonal Park Naturalist in Yellowstone National Park. He was given little training and orientation before plunging into the full schedule of interpretive activities for the winter season.

Mr. George B. Stevenson entered on duty December 18 as a Seasonal Naturalist. Mr. Stevenson is a well known local naturalist, having worked as a guide and lecturer on the Florida Keys for the past fifteen years. We are fortunate to have his services.

This brings the complement of naturalists at Flamingo for the winter season to four, the most since interpretive programs were begun in 1958.

On December 16, Harriett Motherspaugh, wife of Park Naturalist Kelly Motherspaugh, was fatally injured when struck by a train.

William J. Truesdell, presently assigned to Shenandoah, has been recruited to fill one of the vacant GS-7 Park Naturalist positions.

The Division of Interpretation & Visitor Services's secretary, Marion Goble, announced that her husband, Lister, has accepted a new position and they will be moving to the Gulf Coast States sometime in the Spring.

Miscellaneous: Dr. Michael Storey began his term of duty as a paleontologist at Flamingo on December 22. Dr. Storey arrived directly from the Museum of Alberta Traveling Center and has had previous experience on a mammal fossil beds in Yellowstone National Park. He was given little training and orientation before plunging into the full schedule of interpretive activities for the winter season.

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On December 19, Harriet Shutterspoon, wife of Park Naturalist Harlan Shutterspoon, was fatally injured when struck by a train.

Orville T. Thrasher, formerly assigned to Shenandoah, has been recruited to fill one of the vacant GS-7 park Ranger positions.

The Division of Interpretation & Visitor Service's secretary, Marion Cable, announced that her husband, Elmer, has accepted a new position and they will be moving to the Gulf Coast Dunes somewhere in the Spring.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: The admatic program in the Flamingo Visitor Center is now in operation.

Mercury counters were purchased and received to be installed on the audiovisual equipment on all automatic audiovisual equipment.

The Ranger Aids have been stationed at various points on weekends in an attempt to compile a more accurate picture of visitor use.

The lift boxes from the Mangrove and Pinelands Trails which were vandalized last month have been replaced. One additional lift box has been vandalized on Pinelands Trail in early December.

The Ernest Coe exhibit has been put back up in the Parachute Key Visitor Center after being damaged by Hurricane "Betsy".

The Gumbo Limbo Trail, where growth was overhanging, was pruned back this month.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION AND USE

Interpretive facilities: The mimetic program in the Pleasure Visitor Center is now in operation.

Nursery seedlots were purchased and received in 20 installed on the continued replacement on all automatic monitoring systems.

The Ranger Aide have been stationed at various points to welcome to assist be possible a more accurate picture of visitor use.

The list buses from the Burgess and Pinelook Trails which were vandalized last month have been replaced. The additional list has been vandalized on Pinelook Trail by early December.

The Grease Cue exhibit has been put back in the Interpretive Key Visitor Center after being damaged by duplicate "Betsy".

The Gumbo Limbo Trail, where erosion was overwhelming, was planned been this month.

Interpretive Services: The winter program of activities became effective on December 24. This program differs considerably from those previously offered in this Park. The guided walks along the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo Trails (both self-guiding) have been eliminated and leisure walks of various lengths designed to acquaint the visitor with lesser known areas substituted. Campfire programs are being offered every evening at Long Pine Key Campground and at Flamingo. Also new, is a Shark Valley Auto Caravan which is conducted four times each weekend. These programs have been very well accepted and endorsed by the visitors.

The Everglades Natural History Association underwrote the cost of having printed the Winter Program of Activities. Copy enclosed.

The planned outdoor campfire circle facility at Flamingo has not yet been completed and the usual overcrowding and turn-away conditions at the auditorium occurred as expected during the Holidays.

The increase in visitors entering the Parachute Key Visitor Center during this December (1966) was 6,357 or 34% over December 1965. The average attendance at the Long Pine Key campfire program during the last week in December last year was 92 persons; this year for a like period it had increased to 273.

Because of the new naturalist schedule, it was possible to increase roving contacts during the month and over 10,420 persons were contacted by the naturalist staff in this manner.

District Naturalist Vincent Mrazek spent several days training tram tour operators to enable them to conduct the Wilderness Tram Tour to Shake Bight.

Interpretive Services continued.

The Florida Science Study Seminar (Classroom on Wheels) from New York, which this year was comprised of 110 students under the leadership of Mrs. Doris Timpano, were given special attention on the evenings of December 25, 26, and 27. Flamingo naturalist served as consultants on two of the evenings and a film followed by a question and answer period was presented on the third.

Public Relations: Mr. Dennis Stock, photographer for Holiday Magazine was conducted on several field trips by Mrazek as well as ranger personnel.

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Everglades Natural History Association: The annual meeting and fish fry of the members of the Association was held on December 9. Chief Park Naturalist Miller presented a program on the Rockies after the general meeting. About 250 persons attended. Ranger Aids are to be commended for an excellent job of handling the event.

Mrs. Jennette Clark, bookkeeper for the Association, has completed the trial balances for ENHA books through November with December to be completed shortly.

Pennridge Dental Society Association. The annual meeting and dinner of the members of the association was held on December 9. Chief Dave Hartzell Miller presented a program on the Bucks after the general meeting. About 100 persons attended. Roger Ash are to be commended for an excellent job of handling the event.

Mrs. Jeanette Clark, bookkeeper for the Association, has completed the trial balances for 1984 books through November with December to be completed shortly.

Research and Observations:

Bird shows at roadside ponds and canals near Flamingo were spectacular most of the month. Roseate Spoonbills, Wood Storks, Egrets, Herons and White Ibis could be seen in abundance at close range at Coot Bay Pond, other nearby ponds and along Bear Lake and Snake Bight roads. A number of alligators were frequently seen in Homestead, Bear Lake and Snake Bight canals. Bald Eagles were observed nesting at Coot Bay, Frank Key and Palm Key.

A Brant was seen on the mud flat in front of the Flamingo Visitor Center early in the afternoon on December 31.

District Ranger Robert Cook reports an eight foot male alligator was found dead 150 yds north of Whiskey Creek sign on December 100 The kill appeared to be fresh. There were two or more possible bullet holes noted in head and body areas.

Everglades National Park
Feb. 2, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for January, 1967

General

The weather again this month was much warmer than usual for the time of year, but the post holiday drop in visitation occurred as usual. There was a gradual increase in the number of visitors by the end of the month; however; the full impact of mid-season visitation has not yet been felt and experts agree that it is late in coming this year.

Conducted Trips

Trips, with the exception of large study groups joining in, were rather poorly attended. It is believed that the larger number of various trips offered accounts for the thinly spread attendance. It may be, however, that the season has not attained full momentum and there may be a greater response next month.

Talks and Campfire Programs

The new amphitheater at Flamingo was completed by Jan 13th and the first outside program held on Saturday Jan. 14th. With the exception of four evenings when there were light rains or cold, windy weather the attendance and response at the outside programs was good. There were a few comments about the need for a loud speaker system and aisle lights.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

The Chief Naturalist took Naturalists Truesdale and Storey on an orientation trip to the Tamiami Sub-District and the Gulf Coast District on Jan 27 and 28. District Ranger Stokes transported the trio to Lostman's River Patrol Station on the evening of Jan 27th where they were met by Naturalist Mrazek from Flamingo. All spent the night at Lostman's and returned to Flamingo via the East River Rookery the following day.

Miscellaneous Activities and Wildlife Observations

Naturalists Mrazek and Stevenson participated in the Annual Coot Bay Xmas Bird Count on Jan. 1, in which a total of 170 species were accounted for.

Naturalist Mrazek presented an off-site talk on "threats to the park" to the David Porter Chapter of the D.A.R. at Miami Shores on Jan. 25th with 30 members in attendance.

Naturalist Mrazek accompanied Messrs. Masland, Everhardt, &Degen with two photographers and a sound technician to Gator Lake and the East River Rookery on Jan 24 and 26 for some takes on a coming TV documentary on National Parks with Mr. Masland as narrator.

43 Luther College biology students from Decorah, Iowa were at Flamingo for 8 days camping and attended many of the interpretive programs while here.

The East River Rookery appeared to be in healthy condition at the end of the month. About 600 pairs of Wood Storks, a number of Snowy and Common Egrets and several pairs of Anhingas were nesting in the rookery. It was estimated that 25% of the Wood Stork nests contained young birds late in January. The rest were incubating.

Aerial survey reports indicated that Cuthbert Rookery was in poor condition and near breaking up completely by the end of the month. later visit on the ground showed it OK now

Vincent J. Mrazek

Vincent J. Mrazek
Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative, January, 1967, Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services.

Special Activities: During the month, the Chief Park Naturalist attended two Superintendent's Staff Meetings and met with members of the Management Appraisal Team.

On January 21, the Miami Geological Society conducted a field trip to Everglades National Park. They were accompanied on a bus and boat tour by Chief Park Naturalist Miller, Research Biologist Robertson, Collaborator Craighead, Asst. Chief Naturalist Tillman, Park Naturalist Truesdell, and Ranger Reiley.

Chief Park Naturalist Miller met with Messrs. Frank Masland, Wm. Everhart, and Carl Degan to discuss the "Men of Conservation" film to be "shot" in Everglades National Park. On January 23, Naturalist Mrazek accompanied these men and their photographic crew to Gator Lake and the East River Rookery on January 24 and 26 for some takes.

Administrative Officer Paul Heaton and Park Naturalist Wm. Truesdell attended the Federal Employee of the year banquet held in Miami on January 24.

Six off-site talks were given by the members of the Division of Interpretation during the month.

The Annual Bird Count was held on January 1. 170 species were observed.

A staff meeting of members of the Division of Interpretation was held on January 26.

On January 22, Chief Naturalist Miller escorted the Ranger Aids and Naturalist Truesdell to Shark Valley.

Jewish activities, conduct, etc., pending an investigation and trial
further.

Family Background: Having the parents, the Chief Rabbi Hertzfeld attended
the Conservatory's Night Meetings and met with members of the
Congregation Association Team.

He discovered it the Night Educational Society conducted a Night Life in
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in Chief Rev. Theodelle Miller. Assistant Religious Ministers, Philanthropic
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to be "Chief" in Theological Doctoral Fort. On January 21, Secretariat
Medical Accomplished those Mr. and their Investigation Crew on Entry Time
and the Year Clear Society on January 24 and 25 the week Taken.

Administrative Officer Earl Burton and Rev Theodelle Co. Theodelle
attended the Federal Employee of the Year Luncheon Last in Detroit on
January 24.

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during the month.

The Annual Mint Dinner was held on January 1. 117 Agencies were observed.

A staff meeting of members of the Division of Investigation was held on
January 31.

On January 21 Chief Theodelle Miller examined the Chapter Life and
Retirement Treasurer in Grand Valley.

ADMINISTRATION

General: The Superintendent's Annual Research Report and the annual Information and Interpretive Services Report were prepared and submitted.

Training: The Chief Park Naturalist took Naturalists Wm. Truesdell and Mike Story on an orientation trip to the Tamiami Sub-District and the Gulf Coast District on January 27 and 28. District Ranger Stokes transported the trip to Lostman's River Patrol Station on the evening of January 27 where they were met by Naturalist Mrazek from Flamingo. All spent the night at Lostman's and returned to Flamingo via the East River Rookery the following day.

Personnel Services: William G. Truesdell EOD on 1/15 transferring here as a Park Naturalist after spending four years in Shenandoah as a Park Ranger.

The Management Assistant Position at Fort Jefferson was rewritten as a Naturalist Position by the Chief Park Naturalist.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION AND USE

Interpretive Facilities: The representative from Altec was here on January 24 and worked on the Admatic at Flamingo and other miscellaneous equipment.

Supervisory responsibility of the facility and services at Royal Palm has been assigned to Park Naturalist Wm. Truesdell.

Chief Park Naturalist Miller accompanied by Dr. F. C. Craighead on January 6 and 11, and then again by Dr. W. B. Robertson on the 31st toured the main park road to inspect possible interpretive pull-out sites.

Naturalist Gale Zimmer has completed texts for the Fort Jefferson underwater nature trail.

Writing of the text for the Sand Fly Island nature trail booklet was started during the month.

The Gulf Coast District rangers finished work on the Sand Fly Island nature trail and stakes.

The new temporary amphitheater at Flamingo was completed by January 13 and the first outside program held on Saturday, January 14. With the exception of four evenings when there were light rains and cold windy weather the attendance and response at the outside programs were good. There were a few comments about the need for a loud speaker system and aisle lights.

A study was made on January 18 by Chief Naturalist Miller and Naturalist Zimmer regarding the rehabilitaion of the Mahogany Hammock and Flamingo V.C. exhibits.

Congratulations and Good Wishes

Interesting Publishing: The congratulations shown clients who have re-
ceived 25 anniversary on the Advent of Electron and other scientific
publishers.

Interesting responsibility of the Society and services as Chief Inde-
pendence to Miss Elizabeth Mr. Trumbull.

Chief Dean Principles Miller accompanied by Dr. P. C. Dominguez to
January 8 and 11, and then again by Dr. C. E. Armstrong on the 16th
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Departments Miss Glover has completed leaves for the Post Reference assistance
service itself.

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started during the events.

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the first middle progress held on Saturday, January 14. With the completion
of four expanding other class work light rates and will vitally weather the
attendance and response in the middle journeys next year. There were a
few comments about the need for a Good operator for night light-

A study was made on January 15 by Chief Universally Miller and Secretarial
Change regarding the reliabilities of the Dictionary Personnel all Pleiades
W.C. available.

Interpretive Services: As news of the Shark Valley Autocade was published and spread around by word of mouth, attendance at this activity rose and showed signs of becoming one of the more popular programs being offered.

An excellent film pertaining to alligator poaching and featuring Ranger Richard Stokes was reviewed by the members of the staff and Chief of Motion Picture and Audiovisual Branch Degen. The message of this film is so timely and the problem so critical that Chief Naturalist Miller and Mr. Degen are attempting to have copies made to be shown as widely as possible.

Curatorial Activities:

Dr. C. P. Kimball, author of Arthropods of Florida, visited the Park on January 31 and deposited five specimens in the Park's study collection.

Research and Observations:

The East River Rookery appeared to be in healthy condition at the end of the month. About 600 pairs of Wood Ibis, a number of Snowy and Common Egrets and several pairs of Anhingas were nesting in the rookery. It was estimated that 25% of the Wood Ibis nests contained young birds late in January. The rest were incubating.

A ground visit to the Cuthbert Rookery showed that the small rookery which formed there in November seemed to be in good condition.

Three pairs of Anhingas have built nests in view of the shelter on the Anhinga Trail. It is felt that egg laying has taken place in one of these.

Everglades National Park
Mar. 1, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for February, 1967

General

Visitation reached the season's peak at mid-month, and the coldest weather of the year was felt on the 25th and 26th of the month. Temperatures in the 30's and 40's accompanied by gusty northerly winds were deterrents to enjoyable visitation on several days at the end of the month.

Conducted Trips

Guided walks were much better attended than last month. The Bear Lake walk was the most productive in the way of wildlife and proved to be the most popular with visitors.

Talks and Campfire Programs

One program was cancelled because of rain and two others were poorly attended because of cool, windy weather. Visitors from previous years complained that the auditorium was not used on these occasions, even though it was explained that its capacity was far too small - among a number of other deficiencies.

With the installation of a badly needed loud speaker system, this facility (Outdoors) should prove an adequate stop-gap for evening programs until a suitable auditorium is built.

Miscellaneous Activities and Observations

Trips were made to the East River and Cuthbert Rookeries with John Ogden and the Chief Naturalist. Both rookeries seemed to be in good conditions; except that the drought of the past 5 years, both natural and man caused, has taken its toll of wood storks. Their numbers nesting in the rookeries are far fewer than in the years prior to the completion of the dike system in 1962.

Naturalist Mrazek took part in 5 wilderness trips with former Advisory Board Chairman Frank Masland and National Geographic Society Staff Photographer Otis Imboden to assess possible wilderness canoe trails and an inland boat route from Flamingo to Everglades City. Areas visited were: Bear Lake Canal, the Lungs, Lard Can Camp, Little Sable Creek and Broad Creek.

Mrazek accompanied Dr. Craighead and Lawrence Will, author of "A Dredgeman of Cape Sable" to Cape Sable and Lake Ingraham on Feb. 22.

Vincent J. Mrazek
Park Naturalist

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Monthly Narrative, Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services, February 1967

Special Activities: On February 4, 1967 Assistant Chief Naturalist Larry Tillman and Ranger Edward Carlson assisted Mr. Ivan Marleaux, Channel 2, Miami, in filming and elementary scocial studies program, "The Everglades--Project Conservation". This show ill be televised on March 31 at 9:30 and again on April 3 at 12:45.

Mr. Johnson of the "Flipper" television series was in the pakk on February 1 regarding materials for a scene to be shot outside of the park.

Naturalist Vincent Mrazek took part in five wilderness trips with former Advisory Board Chairman Frank Masland and National Geographic Society Staff Photographer Otis Imboden to assess possible wilderness canoe trails and an inland boat route from Flamingo to Everglades. Areas visited were: Bear Lake Canal, The Lungs, Lard Can Camp, Little Sable Creek, and Broad Creek.

Naturalist Mrazek also accompanied Dr. F.C. Craighead and Lawrence Will, author of "A Dredgeman of Cape Sable" to Cape Sable and Lake Ingraham on February 22.

Lawrence Will donated a copy of his new book "Dredgeman of Cape Sable" to the park's reference library.

On February 10, Mr. Max Dorian, a French writer sponsored by the State Department, interviewed the Chief Park Naturalist in regard to an article he is writing. Later, Naturalist Wm. Truesdell escorted Mr. and Mrs. Dorian around the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo Trails.

Chief Park Naturalist Miller accompanied Dr. F.C. Craighead to Flamingo on a natural history observation trip on February 14.

Monthly Meeting, Division of Interconnection and Visitor Services, February 1982

Special Activities: On February 6, 1982 Assistant Chief Naturalist Larry Villano and Ranger Eleanor Burton received Mr. Ivan Marjenen, Chapter 7, Miami, in filming 3rd elementary musical erotica program, "The Everglades--Natural Preservation". This show will be televised on Sunday 21 at 4:30 and again on April 7 at 12:45.

Mr. Johnson of the "Flipper" television series was in the park on February 1 regarding materials for a scene to be shot outside of the park.

Naturalist Vivian Duncan took part in five volunteers trips via Canoe Advisory Board Chairman Frank Bunting and National Congressman Dominick Daniel Thanksgiver this January to assess possible wilderness areas inside and on island boat route from Flamingo to Everglades. Areas visited were: Snow Lake Creek, The Lungs, Lard Can Chop, Little Table Creek, and Broad Creek.

Naturalist Evans also accompanied Dr. R.C. Dodgkind and Lawrence Hill, author of "A Honeymoon at Cape Sable" to Cape Sable and Lake Ingraham on February 23.

Lawrence will donated a copy of his new book "Honeymoon at Cape Sable" to the park's reference library.

On February 15, Mr. Ian Burton, a French artist sponsored by the State Department, interviewed the Chief Park Naturalist in regard to an article he is writing. Later, Naturalist Ms. Elizabeth accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Burton around the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo Trails.

Chief Park Naturalist Hillis accompanied Dr. R.E. Dodgkind to Flamingo on a natural history observation trip on January 14.

Dr. C.J. McCoy, Jr., from Carnegie Museum, arrived on February 24 to discuss a pending scientific paper with Chief Park Naturalist Miller which they are jointly working on.

A special tour of the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo Trails was given to Mr. Ivan Sandrof and party on February 23. Mr. Sandrof is with the Worchester News, Worchester, Mass.

The annual report of the Everglades Natural History Association was submitted to the Superintendent.

Dr. G.I. Bailey, Jr., from Carnegie Museum, arrived on February 23 to discuss a pending paleontology paper with Chief Paul Beaumont while they are jointly working on.

A special tour of the building and Cedar Glade Trail was given Dr. Dan Lawrence and party on February 27. Dr. Bailey is with the Smithsonian Museum, Texas.

The annual report of the Springfield Natural History Association was submitted to the Superintendent.

Safety and Health: Chief Park Naturalist Miller is teaching a first aid course in Everglades (city). These classes, which began on February 16, are not only being attended by Gulf Coast District personnel, but by the townsmen. Total in attendance: 18.

Training: Park Guide Ruth L. Mendlen left on February 4 for Harper's Ferry to attend a two week Park Guide Course offered at Mather Training Center.

Two interpretive staff training meetings were held during the month. On February 3, Superintendent Allin addressed the members of the Division of Interpretation and Visitor Services regarding the water problems in the park. Asst. Superintendent Burroughs, on February 24, discoursed on the subject of Archeology in southern Florida and particularly in the park. Meetings of this type have proved valuable and other people will be invited to come and lecture to the group on their field of endeavor.

Interpretive Facilities: On February 1 and 2, Asst. Chief Naturalist Tillman was in Everglades working on Sandfly Island Nature Trail.

The interpretive program for the Gulf Coast District was prepared and mimeographed for insertion in the printed winter program of activities handout. (Copy attached)

Three interpretive signs on the Gumbo Limbo Trail were reset by maintenance personnel during the month.

Further on-site study of the proposed pullouts was accomplished by Chief Naturalist Miller and Chief Ranger Kerr on February 2.

Interpretive Services:

The Shark Valley Autocade continued to be popular. During the month 474 people took advantage of this chance to view the superior wildlife show along this road.

February upheld its reputation for being an extremely heavy visitor use month. There was a 22% increase over last year in the number of persons entering the museum at Royal Palm - total entering 1967 was 19,470. Roving contacts in this area were increased by 59% (6223 contacts made). Attendance at the campfire programs at Long Pine Key were increased by 1649 over February, 1967; however, some of this increase reflects the one additional program offered a week. Attendance at the Flamingo Campfire program was down by 757 persons, but this was due to the fact that only one program an evening was offered instead of the two given last year (29 programs less than February of last year). 1006 visitors joined the conducted walks lead jointly by the Headquarters and Flamingo staff. Although 20,689 visitors entered the Parachute Key Visitor Center this month, no comparison is given as this facility was closed during February of 1966.

Special talks were given to about 1065 members of school classes and other special

groups who visited Royal Palm during the month. These groups were also shown the introductory slide program at Parachute Key Visitor Center.

Some of the off-site talks given during the month were:

Florida Keys Recreation & Conservation Council, Laten, Florida; presented by Asst. Chief Naturalist Tillman

Port Royal Beach Club, Naples, Florida; presented by Chief Park Naturalist Miller.

Research and Observations:

Chief Park Naturalist Miller, Naturalists Mrazek and Stevenson, and Biologist Ogden visited Cuthbert Rookery on February 4. Another trip to East River Rookery was made by Biologist Ogden and Naturalist Mrazek. Both Rookeries seemed to be in good condition.

On February 15 along the Anhinga Trail 35-40/young alligators were observed on and around their mother.

Limplins have been seen along Anhinga Trail every day since the 23rd of the month.

Glossy Ibis were observed regularly next to the Anhinga Trail during the first 20 days of the month.

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Insects and Conservation:

Chief Park Conservation Officer, Patricia Green and Insects, Ann Sleigh
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EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
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P. O. BOX 279
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030

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February 27, 1967

Mr. Frank Dunbaugh and Associates
4300 Lennox Drive
Miami, Florida 33133

Dear Frank:

In response to your request in your note of February 21 I will be glad to accept your offer to speak before the Coconut Grove Rotary Club on March 21.

My topic will be the Everglades Water Problem, and I will need no projector or other equipment except an easel to hold a map of moderate size.

Some time before March 21 I would appreciate your letting me know where your group meets, as the schedule I have shows your meetings for Wednesday, and I am unsure of its accuracy.

Best personal wishes

Sincerely yours,

Roger W. Allin
Superintendent

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Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Naturalist's Monthly Narrative Report, March 1967

GENERAL

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Overview

Pr: Superintendent

Prem: Blind Jury Impossible

Ev/Docs: Bonecutter's manly operative dimmer, Novel List

Verdict

Motion conditions: The water level measured on the Sunday Civil Integral from 1.32' to 2.75' during the month of March.

Villains: Bob-V, Mental Jack Ruin, Post Humanity and Ether Hilfrel I.

Witness: Clerk, Post Humanity, residing in the Station Dunny Dwarf IX.

Special circumstances: On March 1, Bantam Dungeon-Humanities Club mathematics conducted by police from the Guild of Bottom Dimmer in a boat at the Bay. This race was for ultimate purposes for the police.

On March 13, Assassin Chief Detective Villman was a Judge at the Comic Book Ship Channel Science Fair. Unwatched.

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Chief Jack Bonecutter Hilfer completed Instruction of a standard Pixel-Kit class at Investigate (Lib) that included Crime Convergence and High Medicine of the Jack staff.

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Subject: Inspection's Monthly Maintenance Report, June, 1927

GENERAL

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Visitors: Rode 8, Hiked, Park Daily, Fort Monument and Elsa Hilliard 1.

Hilltops: Clean, Post Monument, existing in the Visitor Center Room 21.

Special activities: On March 7, Raymond Hodges-Chairman Daily Inspection
conducted 24 guides from the Field of Science Museum up a load of the Bear.
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Lake High School Orchestra Bldg, Beaumont.

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Pat H. Miller

Everglades National Park
April 1, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for ~~February~~ March, 1967

General

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The Flamingo area was swarming with holiday visitors from the week before Easter to the end of the month. Attendance at interpretive programs rose sharply during this period.

Conducted Trips

These were well attended during the Easter holidays, however, numbers and kinds of birds began to decline during March as compared to Dec., Jan. and Feb.

Talks and Campfire Programs

Programs were continued in the outside amphitheater. Most complaints are of the inability of some to hear the speaker well. Cool, windy weather is an occasional deterrent to the comfortable enjoyment of programs, but the amphitheater is a decided improvement over the so-called "Auditorium".

Miscellaneous Activities and Observations

Six numbered signs were prepared and set in place along the Bear Lake road in place of those vandalized during the past three months. One lafger self-guiding sign was replaced along the main park road.

Most of the exhibits in the Flamingo museum, including the Florida Bay diorama were cleaned by interpretive personnel this month.

Naturalist Michael Storey prepared an excellent bird drawing for the inoperative rookery exhibit in the museum.

Several Tram Tours, evening programs and nature walks were auditied this month by the District Naturalist.

Seasonal Naturalist George Stevenson apprehended and cited two orchid thieves on March 19th.

Dist. Naturalist Mrazek took out two VIP trips during the month. One with Photographers F. K. Truslow and H. Sielman to East River Rookery and the other with Dr. W. H. Bradley, Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. to West Lake collecting plankton.

Seasonal Naturalist George Stevenson spent considerable time painting a smaller reproduction of the mural on exhibit at the Parachute Key V.C. on portable sheets of poster board.

Between 300 and 400 Fulvous Tree Ducks were observed at West Lake Pond for about two weeks during the month.

A fish kill, thought to be from oxygen depletion, occurred at 9 mile pond late this month. Bream, gar and bass comprised most of the species washed up on the bank.

Vincent J. Mrazek
District Naturalist

3-31-67

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To: Chief Naturalist
From: R. P. Naturalist
Subj: Monthly Report Notes, March, 1967, Royal Palm

Weather - The month of March started with several days of warm dry weather but ended with cloudy weather and rain showers accompanied by cooler weather.
The rains failed to help the water level, which continued to fall during the month. The water level in the canal along the Anhinga Trail registered 1.55' at the beginning of the month and .78' at the end of the month.

Travel - Visitation was heavy at Royal Palm during the month. A total of ____ people were contacted in the ~~[redacted]~~ Museum with ____ visiting the museum. Naturalists making roving contacts on the Gumbo Limbo and Anhinga trails contacted ____ people.

Visitors -

Dr. Severinghaus - Trustee, Cornell University
Heintz Dielman, Wildlife Photographer, Germany

Special Activities - On the 2nd of March Park Naturalist Matthiessen escorted a group of (48) visitors from the Guild of Science Museum of South Miami through the Park with stops at Royal Palm (Anhinga Trail), Mahogany Hammock, and Flamingo.

On the 19th Mr. Subtropical Nature Workshop from the U. of Miami visited Royal Palm on their way through the Park.

Members of Naturalist Div. attended the Interpretive Div. Staff meeting at H.Q. on the 28th.

Miscellaneous – Royal Palm staff attended party on 21st given at Miller residence in honor of Marion Gobbl.

Administration

Personnel -

Ruth and Sam Mindlin were on emergency leave from the 22nd to the 25th due to a death in the family.

Safety and Health -

The Parks Safety Team was in the Royal Palm area on the 2nd.

Conservation, Interpretation, and Use

Interpretive Services

Special talks were given at Royal Palm to 726 students from school groups.

Several night walks around the Anhinga trail were taken by the staff and a few interested visitors following

the campfire programs. Numerous alligators were seen feeding as well as several night herons.

Research & Observations

On 2 occasions 4 otter were seen along the Anhinga Trail. The first time was on the 10th and then again on the 19th.

Another anhinga nest produced young on the 10th. Three young are in this nest. It is located next to the large pond across from the 8 shelter on the Anhinga Trail. 6 young anhingas can now be seen along the trail.

On the 12th John Ogden spotted 2 swallow tail kites flying near the road to Royal Palm. Later in the month 2 were seen flying over Royal Palm on the 27th carrying nesting materials to the north.

The limpkin stayed in the area from the first of the month until the 20th, offering excellent chances for photographers.

A green heron nest was spotted along the Ankinga trail on the 17th. Two eggs were seen in the nest at that time; however, the nest has now been abandoned and the eggs are no longer in it.

Bill T.

Nat. Files

Everglades National Park
May 1, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for April, 1967

General
The weather this month, as last, proved to be cooler than normal and very dry. This combined with unusually cool weather up north resulted in better than average visitation. Weekends, in particular, were heavy with local campers and fishermen.

Conducted Trips
Bayshore walks were conducted on weekends only as the summer schedule began on April 16th.

Talks and Campfire Programs
Seasonal personnel were terminated on April 15th and a reduced summer schedule of 3 evening programs a week went into effect on April 16th.

Miscellaneous Activities and Observations
The idea of a bird watcher's bulletin board was conceived by Seasonal Naturalist George Stevenson and with the help of Naturalist Michael Storey the board was designed, constructed and placed in use at the Flamingo museum. The bulletin board is a plywood panel covered with flannel and suitably framed. Felt-pen sketches on poster board of species of birds restricted to this region are appended to the flannel by fine sandpaper. An index card is affixed below each sketch, and this contains relevant data for birdwatchers - most likely location, frequency of sightings, etc. Additional information is added to each card when necessary. As the species change with the seasons, the sketches of birds no longer present are removed, and sketches of other species are substituted. The board attracts considerable attention from non-birders as well as from those visitors who have come, in some cases, from a considerable distance to see the species depicted.

Naturalist Michael Storey designed and constructed a collapsible easel capable of holding an 8 ft. long poster board mural for use at off-site programs or exhibit at special events.

Naturalists Mrazek and Stevenson investigated the terrain and vegetative types of the coastal prairie between the Visitor Center at Flamingo and the Bear Lake road as a preliminary study for the proposed Tequesta Trail.

Several back country boat trips were made with the chief naturalist for orientation and planning purposes.

Nine Mile Pond was the scene of much wildlife activity this month. Alligators, Roseate Spoonbills, a few Wood Storks, herons, egrets, Caspian Terns, Bald Eagles, Anhingas and Cormorants and several Limkins could be seen with regularity throughout the month. The attraction was a concentration of aquatic life as a result of the complete drying of the glades.

Summer avian residents as Gray Kingbirds, Black-whiskered Vireos, Stilts, Least Terns and Chuck-will's-widows appeared in the Flamingo area this month, while most of the winter migrants were on the decline.

The spring migration had not reached noticeable proportions by the end of the month, with only a few common migrants sighted.

Vincent J. Mrazek

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Dist. Naturalist

V. J. Mrazek | Flamingo | April, 1967

Monthly Public Contact Report

Walks and Hikes	2	26	241
Charter, Sight-seeing & Tram	3	385	4,810
Total	5	411	5,051
Live Talks (Amphitheater)	1	21	1,687

Automatic Presentation

Visual	0		
AV	0		

Attended Stations

Visitor Centers & Museums	1	11%	8,384
Information & Orientation Stations	1		942
On-site & Roving Assignments	1		474
Total	3		9,800

Self-Guiding Facilities Inventory

Auto Tour	1	360

Personnel

	Interpretive	Total
Permanent	2	6
Seasonal	1	2

June 8, 1967

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Everglades Monthly Narrative Report - May 1967

General

Weather Conditions: Pumping continued at Royal Palm during May except a few times when pumps were inoperative. It was found in one instance that the water level in the pond dropped 5 to 6 inches in three hours when the pumps were not operating. The pumps were off for repairs on May 11 resulting in a fish kill of about 100 gar.

Visitors: Mrs. Harriott conducted Mr. Gould of Time Magazine around Royal Palm on May 11, and she conducted Miss Marze and Miss West of National Geographic Magazine around the Anhinga Trail-Royal Palm area on May 25.

District Naturalist Truesdell conducted NBC news people on a short tour in the Park on May 7. This news broadcast was carried on the Huntlye-Brinkley news program. Naturalist Truesdell also conducted Mrs. Amendt of the South Dade News Leader around the Royal Palm area on May 8. On May 1, I discussed with Mr. William Kaland of the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company the film which his company plans to make here in Everglades National Park.

Special Activities: District Naturalist Mrazek presented an off-site program for the North Miami Beach Garden Club on May 10. Asst. Chief Park Naturalist Tillman presented a talk to a combined Miami Boy Scout Council and the Downtown Miami Rotary Club meeting at noon on May 25. The point of discussion there was the participation of Explorer Scouts in canoe trail marking and other assistance to the Park. District Naturalist Mrazek conducted a Natural Landmark appraisal study for Cowpens Island and in submitting his report he did not recommend the site as a registered landmark at this time, but deferred study to a later date when the spoonbill nesting can be re-studied.

Asst. Chief Park Naturalist Tillman conducted a similar Natural Landmark study to appraise Jupiter Island for landmark status. This report also was submitted on May 27 and the recommendation was to include Jupiter Island as a Natural Landmark.

Naturalist Truesdell gave a talk on the Park on May 4 at the Western Laboratory School in South Miami.

Personnel: Seasonal Ranger Naturalist Sam Mendlen returned from a 30-day annual leave on May 28. Park Guide Maude Harriott went on annual leave May 30. Park Naturalist Zimmer was on leave May 4 through the end of the month.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive facilities: The Liguus collection was transferred from the old cabinets to the new cabinets during the month. The study collection was completed during May. Work was accomplished on signing the Anhinga Trail during May. An introductory sign was moved into place at the beginning of the Anhinga Trail and appropriate signs and trash receptacles were placed at both ends of the boardwalk on the Anhinga Trail.

Altec representative Haskins was here on the 18th and completed installation of the new movie projector. He also did some routine work on the automatic programs and installed automatic counters on audio-visual equipment.

Everglades Natural History Association installed cash registers at both the Royal Palm and Parachute Key Visitor Center information desks. This was on an experimental basis and the smaller machine was removed from Royal Palm because it did not do the job. However, a two-total register has been left in the Parachute Key Visitor Center and will probably be purchased.

Interpretive planning, particularly as it pertains to Flamingo, has been conducted in the month of May. District Naturalist Mrazek has spent four days at Park Headquarters reviewing the existing documents and making accomplishment in rewriting for the Interpretation Prospectus for the Mangrove District.

The Shark Valley exhibit plan texts were received from the Eastern Museum Laboratory during the month. It is presently being reviewed. Sandfly Island Nature Trail leaflets were delivered to the Gulf Coast District on May 3.

Slides were replaced in one unit for the audiovisual program in the Parachute Key visitor center.

Interpretive Services: Royal Palm contacts, during may, were 14,525 people. This is a decrease of 35.1% from May 1966. About 6,084 people were contacted in the Parachute Key Visitor Center. Attendance dropped sharply at the Flamingo programs. This seasonal drop is to be anticipated. The programs were moved inside the lobby of the museum during the latter part of the month on an experimental basis .

Research and Observations: Soft-shell turtles were observed laying eggs in the Royal Palm area during late May. A great white heron stayed in the Royal Palm area during most of May.

District Naturalist Mrazek and Park Naturalist Storey assisted Rangers in patrolling the Nine Mile Pond during late evenings and hights of May to prevent alligator poachers from preying on the large concentrations of alligators in Nine Mile Pond.

Pat H. Miller

Miller
Your copy

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May 10, 1967

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades

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General

Weather Conditions: The water level on the Anhinga Trail dropped from 0.7 to 0 feet during the month of April. Aeriation was set up at the Royal Palm Pond and air was pumped all during the month. Water continued to be pumped into the Anhinga Trail area. In addition, a 25-foot well was dug adjacent to the Royal Palm Pond and a gasoline pump set up. These efforts raised the water level a total of 11 inches. There was a fish kill at Royal Palm on April 28-29.

Visitors: Freeman Tilden was here on April 21. He talked with various members of the interpretive staff and on April 22 Park Naturalist Zimmer took Mr. Tilden to the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and on to Naples, Florida were he caught transportation for his trip back to Washington. Three showings of Mr. Tilden's slide program which was presented to the Society of Interpretive Naturalists were made to staff members in the Parachute Key Visitor Center Auditorium.

Special Activities: Miami Education Television Channel 2 reran the program which had been previously run on March 30 concerning conservation in Everglades National Park.

Chief Park Naturalist completed a Junior First Aid Course for the Everglades (City), Florida Boy Scout Troop. This course was completed on April 6 and 7.

Chief Park Naturalist Miller presented a talk to the Analytical Division, American Chemical Society, Miami Beach, Fla. on April 11.

Asst. Chief Park Naturalist Tillman taught a conservation class at Miami-Dade Junior College on April 15.

WOODLAND NATIONAL PARK
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May 10, 1997

Memorandum

TO: Superintendent, Everglades

FROM: Chief Park Naturalist

SUBJECT: Natural Disaster Recovery Report - April 1997

General

Weather Conditions: The water level on the Hobinga Trail dropped from 0.7 ft to 0 feet during the month of April. Activities was put up at the Signal Pole Road was dry two thousand all during the month. Water conditions is be pumped into the Hobinga Trail area. In addition, a 15-foot well was dug adjacent to the Signal Pole Road and a portable pump set up. These efforts raised the water level a total of 11 inches. There was a fish kill at Signal Pole on April 10-12.

Visitors: Pineway Tribes was here on April 12. We talked with various members of the Interpretive Staff and on April 19 Park Naturalist Elmore took Mr. Tilden to the Cypress Swamp Sanctuary and to Signal Pole Trails were he sought information for his term paper on Seminoles. These discharge of Mr. Tilden's older progress which was presented to the Society of Interpretive Naturalists were there staff members is the Everglades Nat Visitor Center Interview.

Special Activities: Wood Duration Volunteer Cleaned 2 years the program with the park primarily for at Signal Pole recruiting summer within Everglades National Park.

Chief Park Naturalist completed a Junior Ranger Life Course for the Everglades (City), Florida for three Troop. This course was completed on April 6 and 7.

Chief Park Naturalist Miller presented a talk to the Analytical Services, Riverine Chemical Society, Coast Beach, Fla. on April 11.

Park. Chief Park Naturalist Tilden taught a conservation class at Miami-Dade Junior College on April 15.

Chief Park Naturalist Miller spoke to the Perrine Optimists Club on April 17.

Asst. Chief Park Naturalist Tillman spoke to the Howard Drive Elementary School 6th Graders on April 17.

Park Naturalist Zimmer participated in a radio program for Station WIII, Homestead, Florida on the FFA program on the morning of April 22.

Park Naturalist Tillman spoke to Boy Scout Troop No. 69, Homestead, Fla. on the evening of April 27.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Miller accompanied Dr. Frank C. Craighead to Fairchild Gardens on April 13. This was an orientation trip to meet the staff members at their new research facilities at the Fairchild Gardens.

Mr. Miller spent the day of April 15 with Subdistrict Ranger Castleberry on patrol in his Subdistrict. This gave Mr. Miller a chance to see first-hand many of the problems and much of the area in Florida Bay Subdistrict.

On April 18, District Naturalist Mrazek and Mr. Miller inspected the proposed West Lake canoe route and on April 25 Mrazek and Miller were at Cape Sable on an inspection trip into that area.

Personnel: Seasonal Naturalists Stevenson, Hounsell and Motherspaugh terminated at the close of business on April 15.

Seasonal Naturalist Mendlen has been on annual leave since April 15.

Park Guide Ruth Mendlen was on annual leave the 20 and 21 of the month to attend thier son's graduation from Florida State University.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Facilities: The Mangrove Nature Trail at West Lake was closed for one week during the month for repairs.

Altec Electronics, Inc. representative was in the Park on the 10th and the 27th of the month to install a new 16 mm. movie projector in the Parachute Key Visitor Center. This projector is installed, but is still not functioning properly. At the same time, the Altec representative worked on the message repeater and slide projector for the Flamingo Visitor Center. Both of these pieces of equipment were placed back into operation; however, both are nearing the end of their usefulness because of worn parts.

A Bird Observation Bulletin Board was designed and built by Seasonal Naturalist George Stevenson during the month of April. This has been installed in the Flamingo Visitors Center and from reports by Supervisory Park Naturalist Mrazek this new idea is functioning quite well.

Chief Puck Mavrelias Miller spoke to the Morning Optimists Club on April 17.

Asst. Chief Puck Mavrelia Tillman spoke to the Edward Byrne Elementary School PTA Tuesday on April 17.

Puck Mavrelias Tommy participated in a radio program for Imagine Visit, Sweetened, Florida on the 777 program on the morning of April 20.

Puck Mavrelias Tillman spoke to Boy Scout Troop No. 577 , Homestead, Fla. on the evening of April 27.

Miscellaneous: Mr. Miller accompanied Dr. Puck C. Designed to Mavrelia Centers on April 15. This was an introduction trip to meet the staff members at their new regional facilities at the Palmetto Complex.

Mr. Miller spent the day of April 11 with Pediatrics Manger Devilmercy on points in his Pediatrics. This gave Mr. Miller a chance to see first-hand many of the problems and work of his area in Florida Key Pediatrics.

On April 14, Stanley Mavrelias Brown and Mr. Miller inspected the progress that Lido rental house and on April 27 Barbara and Miller went to Cape Sable on an inspection trip this time.

Personnel: Personal Pediatrics Physician, Pediatrics and Pediatrics Secretary at the close of business on April 15.

Personal Pediatrics wedding has been an annual leave April 13.

Puck Stella Lido Mavrelias was an annual leave the 21 and 22 of the week. We extend hilty every appreciation from Pediatrics Clerk Stephanie.

Construction, Improvements and Use

Interpretive Facilities: The Lido-on Mavrelias Trail at Key Lime was closed for one week during the month for repairs.

Miller Enterprises, Inc., representatives met in the Park on the 15th and the 27th of the month to install a new 55 mm. movie projector in the Pediatrics Key Visitor Center. This projector is installed, and is still not functioning properly. At this time, the Miller representatives without on the evening repeatedly and clean projector the Pediatrics Visitor Center. Each of these pieces of equipment were placed back into operation however, both are working too much of their machineries because of wear parts.

A Data Processing Bulletin about the Pediatrics and Lido is Pediatrics through Pediatrics Visitor Center and Park Property to Pediatrics Park Mavrelias Chapel this was time is Pediatrics Lido well.

Interpretive Services: The winter program was closed at the end of April 15. The spring program was initiated on the 16th. Copy of this reduced program is enclosed. This program is designed to give minimal coverage for the Park visitor during the spring and summer months with the limited amount of personnel available.

On April 24 Park Naturalist Zimmer and Subdistrict Ranger Castleberry presented a section of a symposium on camping; the subject was "Camping Etiquette, Boat Camping and Interpretation in Camping Areas."

During the month of April there has been quite a shuffle in offices and in space. The allocation of space was designed to give the Biologist and Hydrologic Engineer more habitation space. As a result the study collection room was cut approximately in half; however these facilities will be adequate for the existing study collections.

During the month of April three new insect cases with Cornell drawers were received. These pieces were designed to house to Deckert Liguus collection. Inspections proved that the original estimate of three cases were inadequate. Negotiations with the Southeast Regional Office resulted in three additional cases being transferred from Hatchez Trace Parkway to Everglades National Park. These cases should prove adequate to house the entire collection.

Travel: The travel for Royal Palm decreased 26.2% from 1966. This, of course, results in few interpretive contacts in that area.

Research and Observations: Park Naturalist Miller accompanied Dr. F. C. Craighead to Paradise Keyoon April 23. Dr. Craighead is cutting cross sections of downed trees to study growth rates through tree-ring studies.

Administration

Pat H. Miller

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
A2615

July 10, 1967

Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Everglades

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Superintendent's Monthly Narrative Report - June 1967

General

Weather Conditions: Water levels on the Anhinga Trail rose from below ground level and peaked at 4.16 feet on June 17. By the end of the month the level was back down to 3.80 feet. Pumping into the slough ceased shortly after the first of the month.

Special Activities: Chief Park Naturalist Miller, Asst. Chief Park Naturalist Tillman, Park Naturalist Inman, Park Naturalist Zimmer, Superintendent Allin attended the annual Ranger Aid dinner on June 5.

The Chief Park Naturalist assisted the Westinghouse Broadcasting people on June 13 through June 16.

Personnel: Park Naturalist Zimmer returned from annual leave on June 3.

Park Naturalist Inman entered on duty on June 6 from the Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon.

The Chief Park Naturalist interviewed Miss Frieda Gratz regarding the Division Secretary position on June 18.

Supervisory Park Naturalist Mrazek accepted a promotion to GS-11 at Cape Hatteras National Seashone on June 8. He reported on duty July 2, and will be the Assistant Chief, I&RM for Cape Hatteras. Mrazek was on annual leave June 17 to June 24.

Seasonal Ranger Naturalist George E. Neusaenger was converted from WAE to full-time seasonal status on June 14 and then resigned his

position on June 28 to accept an appointment to the Albright Training Center.

Supervisory Park Naturalist Edomo Mazzer entered on duty on June 14 and spent that day in the Park for orientation with Chief Park Naturalist Miller, and then went to Fort Jefferson.

Park Naturalist Truesdell was on annual leave June 22 through the end of the month.

Park Guide Harriott was on annual leave through the month of June.

Training: Considerable time was spent during June orienting Park Naturalist Inman. Park Naturalist Zimmer accompanied her to Shark Valley on June 14, and Seasonal Naturalist Neusaenger to Fairchild Gardens on June 18. She accompanied Chief Park Naturalist Miller on a tour of the Park and the Flamingo area on June 12 and spent the day of June 21 with Supervisory Park Naturalist Mrazek.

There was an Interpretive Division Staff Meeting on June 22 to discuss various aspects of the Interpretive Division and its operation.

The Chief Park Naturalist, and Seasonal Naturalist Neugsaenger went over the West Lake Canoe route on June 20.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Facilities: Information services in the Parachute Key Visitor Center were moved from the lobby into the converted auditorium on June 1. The new book display purchased by the Everglades Natural History Association was brought in on June 1 and placed in the building.

Asst. Chief Naturalist Tillman spent time during the month searching for designs and estimates for a railing for the Visitor Center mural.

An air conditioning unit was placed inthe Royal Palm Information Station on June 30.

A Remington cash register was purchased for the Parachute Key Visitor Center by the Everglades Natural History Association on June 15.

A preconstruction meeting was held on June 29 in regard to the contract for air conditioning in the Parachute Key Visitor Center.

Follow-up was made with the Branch of Motion Pictures and Audiovisual Services during the month to have a copy made of the WTVT television movie on alligator poaching. By this time a copy should have been made by the Branch and hopefully we will get a copy in the near future.

The alligator exhibit on Anhinga was removed and shipped to the Eastern Museum Laboratory on June 4 for repairs.

Some 71 35mm. slides were added to the Park slide collection during the month of June.

The exhibits in five lift boxes were renovated in June and are ready to be reinstalled on the interpretive trails.

Research and Observations: Park Naturalist Zimmer and Park RAnger Hougham spent the day of June 21 in Florida Bay searching for diamond back turtles and nests. No turtle activity was found but one crocodile nest was discovered.

Pat H. Miller

A2615

August 8, 1967

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Naturalist Monthly Report, July, 1967

General

Visitors: Dr. C. J. McCoy, Assistant Curator, Herpetology, Carnegie Museum was in the Park from July 14 to August 2. Dr. Fritz Went, Desert Plant Laboratory, Reno, Nevada, was in the office on the 19th. Former Chief Park Naturalist Ernest Christensen was in the Park on July 12. Mr. Herman W. Gabriel, an Ecuadorian forester was in the office on the 5th.

Administration

Personnel: Supervisory Naturalist Vincent Mrazek went off of Everglades Park's payroll effective July 2 and was picked up by Cape Hatteras on that date. Leonard W. McKenzie, Jr., Park Naturalist, Lassen Volcanic National Park, accepted the vacant supervisory position, Mangrove District, and will EOD on about September 10. Miss Freida Gratz, FAA, entered on duty as the Division Secretary on July 30. Maude C. Harriot returned from annual leave on July 16. Park Naturalist Truesdell was on annual leave from the first through the 3rd of the month.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

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The Flamingo Interpretive Programs were moved into the Everglades Park Company auditorium during the first week of the month. This facility has been an improvement reducing the heat and insect problem.

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RACCOON REDUCTION PROGRAM
AT THE CAPE SABLE
LOGGERHEAD TURTLE ROOKERY
EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

Status Report for month of June, 1967.

Raccoons removed - by sex and age classes

Age Classes	Middle and East Capes		Northwest Cape		TOTALS
	# Males	#Females	# Males	# Females	
Elderly	1	---			1
Mature	2	6			8
Immature	2	3			5
Juvenile					
TOTALS	5	9	0	0	14

Month: Total Raccoons 14

Year to Date: Total Raccoons 86

Month: No. Trap days 216; No. raccoons per trap day .07

Year to date: No. Trap days 696;;No. raccoons per trap day .13

Month: No. Manhours 73; No. raccoons per manhour .19

Year to date: No. Manhours 304; No. raccoons per manhour .28

REMARKS: (see attached)

*Trap Day: One trap set for one day represents one trap day.

As indicated on this month's report form--trapping efforts did not prove too fruitful. This was due to several factors which included: a great deal of rough weather which made trapping difficult and sometimes almost impossible; a manpower shortage due to the loss of Seasonal Ranger Walter Meyer on June 14; fewer raccoons present along the beaches in the East and Middle Cape area. All trapping this month was restricted to this later mentioned area (last year's trapping zone) in an attempt to reduce the high percentage of nest destruction taking place there. On the other hand, the Northwest Cape area (last year's no-trapping zone) was not trapped this month as it appeared too late to remove enough raccoons to affect a significant reduction in nest losses. This trapping arrangement has proved somewhat successful in that nest predation during June in the East and Middle Cape area has declined from 78 to 40 percent while remaining at a high 76 percent rate in the Northwest Cape area. Whether this favorable trend will persist through the rest of the season is questionable since it was necessary to terminate trapping operations on June 29.

Larry Tull

Observations at Cape Sable: Late April to June 22, 1967

Raccoon trapping activities:

Trapping operations - began on 4/19 67 and were terminated on 6/22/67.

Total number trapped - 85

Area trapped - East & Middle Cape area and the south third of last year's no trapping zone.

Sea Turtle nesting activity:

Season - began in late April-approx[illegible]ely 2 weeks earlier than last year.

Nest predation - 25 plots (approxima[illegible]y a 10% sample) were established between the East Cape Ca[illegible] and Little Sable Creek for purposes of measuring nesting in[illegible]sity and nest predation for the 1967 season. In the early p[illegible] of the season nest predation was quite high (75%) but h[illegible] diminished considerably (40%) in the last two plot surveys. [illegible]edation in areas where no trapping was conducted now exceed[illegible]%.

Storm losses - High tides and strong [illegible]esterly winds on the 23rd and 24th of May destroyed 70%+ of the [illegible]ntact nests deposited before these dates. In some areas t[illegible] high tide line was pushed back to the edge of the grass. This [illegible]as resulted in the loss of a considerable area of favorable or [illegible]timum nesting habitat for a portion or all of the remainder of [illegible]he 1967 season.

Least Tern colony:

These birds again returned to nest at the tip of Middle Cape. The size of this year's colony [illegible]f approximately 10[illegible] adults seems somewhat larger than it was last year. Terns were first sighted over Middle Cape in late April and influxes [illegible]f new birds continued up to mid-June. Nesting began in early-May and has continued to the present with 12 nests containing eggs observed on June 22. At this same date young in various plumages ranging from downy to flight feather stages were sighted. It appears as though this will be a successful nesting season for the least tern colony at Middle Cape.

Miscellaneous Notes:

Marsh rabbit (Sylvilagus palustris) - one melanistic specimen was found dead in a trap set for raccoons.

Cotton rat (Sigmodon hispidus) - populations at Cape Sable appear to be much higher this year than they were last year. Many of these rodents were caught in the raccoon traps and some grassy areas were practically denuded of vegetation.

Tree snail (Liguus) - Were found in the hardwood hammock ridge backing Northwest Cape. There had been some question as to whether or not this population, which now appears healthy, had survived Hurricane Donna in 1960.

White Ibis & Roseate Spoonbill - are now quite numerous in the Lake Ingraham area.

Hook on the tip of Middle Cape - A sand hook or spit was forming when the May 23, 24 storm destroyed it. Wind conditions since that time have not been favorable enough for renewed formation activities. It appears then that a hook may not form at Middle Cape this year.

Incubation of turtle eggs - Eggs remaining in a partially destroyed loggerhead nests have been collected and placed in incubation apparatus at Flamingo, Everglades City, and Park Headquarters. These nests should hatch out in mid and late August. It is hoped that some of these hatched turtles can be raised for several months in floating pens at Flamingo, Fort Jefferson and Everglades City.

Richard W. Klukas
Management Biologist
Everglades National Park
June 28, 1967

Interpretive Services: Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Tillman talked to 25 members of the Kirk Keys Organization on July 12.

Regularly scheduled activities for July saw conducted trips up 4.2% in attendence, talks in Flamingo were up 31.5% over 1966, the visitor center and orientation station visits were down 18.6¢ over 1966, and attendence on the nature trails was down 29.9% from 1966.

General: There was an Interpretive Staff meeting on July 19, primarily to discuss interpretation at the Royal Palm Station.

Some work was done on revisions of the Shark Valley Loop Road booklet and exhibit plan.

Cynthia McHugh did some museum curatorial work, mostly the preparation of mammals and herpetological specimens.

Phillip Givens entered on duty on July 16 as a seasonal Park Naturalist (W.A.E.).

On July 17 Mary Jane Inman was transferred to Flamingo where she will be permanently assigned.

The Chief Park Naturalist visited Fort Jefferson on July 25 to 27 on a general inspection and orientation tour. He was accompanied by Doctor McCoy, Carnegie Museum.

Pat H. Miller

A2615

August 8, 1967

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

Subject: Naturalist Monthly Report, July, 1967

General

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Administration

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Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Facilities: A PCP for the Royal Palm Station was rewritten during the month and submitted to the Southeast Regional Offices on the 19th.

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August 8, 1947

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To: [illegible]

From: [illegible]

Subject: Recreation Monthly Report, July, 1947

General

Visitors: Mr. C. J. Tully, Assistant Curator, Herpetology, Curnegie Museum was in the Park from July 24 to August 2. Mr. Fritz Wahl, Desert Plant Laboratory, Reno, Nevada, was in the Office on the 15th. Former Chief Park Naturalist Homer Curtiswood was in the Park on July 12. Mr. Dennis V. Gehrig, an Intermediate Surveyor was in the office on the 7th.

Administration

Personnel: Supervisory Secretarial Vacancy announcement #47 of Everglades Park's payroll allocation July 7 and was filled by Miss Dorothy Lee Cox Akers. Leonard B. Robbins, Jr., Park Naturalist, Mason Tolonic National Park, accepted the Grant Supervisory position, Everglades National Park, and will EOD on about September 15. Miss Freida Cryer, retired from Federal Service on July 15. Mrs. Mamie E. Barrett returned from annual leave on July 15. Fort Pickens Transmitter was on transmit late Sun the first through the 3rd of the month.

Concessions, Improvements and Use

Improvement Activities: A JCP for the Royal Palm Museum was submitted during the month and submitted to the Southern Regional Office on the 13th.

Several of the Short Valley Road signs were taken down during the month. Some have been replaced and others are still here waiting refurbishment.

Fort Matanzas Pioneer was on special assignment to various school libraries in the State compiling a list of theses and other scientific and other historic documents that might be added to the Park's library in the future.

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Pat H. Miller

Delivering Service: Assistance Chief Tour Operators Trident
called in 23 members of the Elit Kaye Corporation on July 12.

Capacity schedules scheduled for July are predicted range up 4.7%
in attendance, Table 5: Meeting were up 21.3% over 1974, the visitor
center and interpretive service visits were down 12.4% over 1944, and
attendance at the visitor center was down 19.7% from 1974.

General: There was an Interpretive staff meeting on July 17, primarily
to discuss interpretation at the Royal Palm Station.

Time was not done on revisions at the Shaw Valley Jury Road booklet
and exhibit plan.

Charlie Brough did some cleaning yesterday, mostly the vegetation
at Wendle and Serpentlight Pavilions.

Shelly Stone resigned on duty on July 14 as a seasonal park
Interpretive (C.A.E.).

On July 17 Duty Team Zone was transferred in Training where she will
be permanently assigned.

Tim Chief Park Naturalist visited Park Interpreting on July 17 to 27 on
a general inspection and orientation tour. He was accompanied by
Dwayne Bishop, Cascade Zone.

Phil M. Miller

A2615

August 8, 1967

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief Park Naturalist

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August 9, 1951

Announcements

The Beaverlandwood

Press: Global Pan American

Subject: Terrestrial Security Treaty, July 1951

General

Visitors: Dr. E. J. Bixby, Assistant Director, Department of Treasury, Division on its Tour from July 10 to August 1). Dr. Peter Chen, Senior Plant Inspector, Iowa, Canada, now in the office on the 13th. Herman Geist from Riverside Street Observatory was in the Sun on July 12. Dr. Theresa R. Rodgers, an Intermediate Scientist was in the office on the 9th.

Administration

Personnel: Temporary Secretarial Trainee Marian West left to investigate post's typical allocation July 3 and was joined by Inga Gutierrez on that date. Lawrence E. Peterson, Jr., Junk Investigator, Bureau Bilateral Post, resigned the system supervisory position, Computer Division, and will fill an Army Inspector 12. Vida Pasha Davis, Vol, returned to duty as the Training Secretary on July 30. Edna O. Martin resigned from Account Leave on July 31. Trudi Zaremelian Trumbull was on annual leave from the first through the 3rd of the month.

Inventories, Investigations and Tax

Inventories Completed: A list is now being finalized covering the months and submitted to the Internal Revenue Service during 1951.

Invoiced at the Sun: Bixby Lake Blvd edges were taken down during the month. Some have been replaced and others are still then waiting replacement.

This Materials Library was an initial assignment to various school libraries in the State consisting A list of things and other materials and other documents also might be added to the Post's Library in the future.

The Planning Investigation Program were moved into the Investigations Unit Training meditation during the first week of the month. This Section has been an improvement replacing the Desk and Lower position.

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Pat H. Miller

Interpretive Service: Positions filled Post Memorials Tilton
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Regularly scheduled activities for July are contained right up to 8.30
in attendance, little in Fleming were up to 12.30 over 1966, the visible
center and organization starting visits were down 11.4% over 1966, and
attendance in the Native trails was down 32.8% from 1966.

Publicity: There was an Interpretive Staff meeting on July 30, primarily
to discuss Interpretation at the Depot Park Station.

Some work was done on revision of the Story Teller Loop Road Junior
Aid Activity plan.

Cynthia Mellon did some summer Interpretive work, mostly the publication
of manuals and Interpretive Aid Assignments.

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Naturalist (G.S.E.).

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a general inspection and orientation tour. He was accompanied by
Jerome Bosby, Cartegia Bureau.

Pat K. Mellon

A2615

Memorandum

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Administration

Personnel

Supervisory Naturalist Vincent ~~Moreazick~~ Mrazek went off of Everglades Park's payroll effective July 2 and was picked up by Cape Hatteras on that date. Leonard W. McKenzie, Jr., Park Naturalist, ~~Lassen~~ Lassen Volcanic Nat'l Park accepted the vacant supervisory position, Mangrove District, and will EOD on about ~~approximately~~ September 10. Miss Freida Gratz, FAA, entered on duty as the Division Secretary on July 30. Maude C. Harriot returned ~~entered on duty on July 16 after extended~~ from annual leave on 7/16. Park Naturalist Truesdell was on annual leave from the first through the 3rd of the month.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Facilities

~~ATCP~~ A PCP for the Royal Palm Station was rewritten during the month and submitted to the Southeast Regional Offices on the 19th. Several of the Shark Valley Loop Road signs were taken down during the month. Some have been replaced and others ~~some~~ are still down awaiting refurbishment. Park Naturalist Zimmer was on special assignment to various school libraries in the State to compile a list of

thesis and other scientific and other historic documentation that might be added to the Park's library in the ~~near~~ future. The Flamingo Interpretive Programs were moved into the Everglades Park Company auditorium during the first week of the month. This facility has been an improvement reducing the heat and insect problem.

Interpretive Services

Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Tillman talked to 25 members of the Kirk Keys Organization on July 12. Regularly scheduled activities for July saw conducted trips up 4.2% in attendence, talks in Flamingo were up 31.5% over 1966, the visitors center and orientation station visits were down 18.6% over 1966, and ~~persons hiking~~ attendance on the nature trails ~~were~~ was down 29.9% from 1966.

General

There was an Interpretive Staff meeting on July 19, primarily to discuss Interpretation at the Royal Palm Station. Some work was done on revisions of the Shark Valley Loop Road booklet and exhibit plan, ~~and~~ Cynthia McHugh did some ~~work on~~ museum curatorial work ~~doing~~ mostly the preparation of mammals and herpological specimens. Phillip Givens entered on duty on July 16 as a seasonal Park Naturalist (W.A.E.). On July 17 Mary Jane Inman was transferred to Flamingo where she will be permanently assigned. The Chief Park Naturalist visited Fort Jefferson July 25 to 27 on a general inspection and orientation tour. He was accompanied by Doctor McCoy, Carnegie Museum

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: Aug. 1, 1967

M : District Park Naturalist, Glades District

ECT: Monthly Report, Glades District, July, 1967

General

Weather

The weather for the month of July was warm and dry. Very little rainfall fell during the month and then only in the form of scattered showers. The water level in the canal along the Anhinga Trail read 3.8 feet on the first of the month, but had dropped to 1.9 feet by the 31st of the month.

Travel

The total number of visitors to stop at the Parachute Key Visitor Center during July was 12,663; 22,159 people visited Royal Palm during the month. This represents a decrease from July, 1966, when 29,029 people visited the area.

Visitation during July was steady and at times heavy.

Special Activities

Park Naturalist Zimmer traveled to Gainesville, Tallahassee, Bradenten and Bonita Springs between July 12th and 17th. She visited the museums and libraries in each area.

Miscellaneous

Maude C. Harriott returned to duty on July 16th after a vacation in some of the western Parks.

Administration

Personnel

On July 16th, Phil Givens EOD as Seasonal Park Naturalist (WAE). He will be qoeking part-time at Royal Palm and the Visitor Center.

On July 17th, Mary Inman moved to Flamingo, where she is now permanently assigned. She is still working one day a week in the Royal Palm area.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Conservation, Interpretation, and Use

Research and Observations

On the first of the month the water was standing in the glades all around Royal Palm. The fish and other wildlife were spread out and very little could be seen in the area. By the end of the month, due to the steady drop of the water level, numerous fish were again seen in the pond and along the Anhinga Trail. Several turtles and a few alligators were also showing up. Two large alligators (one 7', the other 10') have been staying in the pond close to the Royal Palm Station.

On July 8th, a female Everglades Kite was observed over the Royal Palm Station. Since that time a pair has been seen south of the station and on several occassions in the Hole in the Doughnut area.

On several days Limpkins have been seen in the Royal Palm area.

For the first part of the month, while the fields were flooded, there were numerous birds feeding and nesting in the "Hole in the Doughnut" area. A rookery was also noted and investigated. It was found to have approximately 200 nests, the majority of which were Cattle Egrets and Little Blue Herons.

William L. Trimble

Memorandum

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

August 1, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Acting District Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for July, 1967

General

Throughout the month there has been a great slack-off in the rainfall occurring at Flamingo and it would appear that a hard mid-summer drought has set in. Water levels at Nine Mile Pond and Mrazeks Pond have dropped about two feet during the last three weeks in July. Wildlife is very scarce.

Talks and Campfire Programs

During the first week of the month, we began utilizing the EPC auditorium for the evening programs. This facility has proven to be a success, since the heat and mosquitoes have all but been eliminated as major problems. Everglades Park Co. has begun showing full-length movies following the Saturday and Friday night talks.

Miscellaneous Activities and Observations

On July 16, naturalist Mary Jane Inman reported on duty at Flamingo. During her stay so far she has, in typical female form, reorganized and spruced up the library and slide file. It would appear that Flamingo has gained a very conscientious and enthusiastic new naturalist. Because of schedules at Royal Palm, however, Inman and Storey have only one day per week for orientation of the Flamingo operation.

Bird life has been minimal so far in July with the only good shows occurring at dusk when the ibis and spoonbills flock to their roosts in Florida Bay. The Sunset Cruise has been recommended to all people staying at Flamingo.

Michael J. Storey
Acting District Naturalist,
Flamingo

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

August 3, 1967

Memorandum:

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: Acting District Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for July, 1967

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Michael A. Shorey
Acting District Naturalist,
Flamingo

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Memorandum

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: Superintendent

DATE: September 8, 1967

: Acting Chief Park Naturalist

CT: Naturalist Monthly Report, August, 1967

General

Visitors: Miss Ann F. Bellenger, assistant to Dr. P. B. Tomlinson, Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami, Florida, was in the office August 22, to renew her permit for collecting vascular plants for continuation of vegetation analysis project. Mr. Corrick and Mr. Ross were here to audit the Everglades Natural History Association books.

Administration

Personnel: Mike Storey, Park Naturalist at Flamingo went off of Everglades Park's payroll effective August 26, 1967, in order to resume his graduate studies. Mr. Pat Miller, Chief Park Naturalist was at Fort Jefferson August 28 - 31. Mr. William Truesdell was upgraded to GS-9. Mr. Sam Mendelen entered the hospital after having a mild coronary. Latest health reports say that he is now home and is recovering. Mr. Larry Tillman was on annual leave for two weeks. Mr. Sam Mendelen was furloughed COB August 14, 1967, after being on annual leave since the 7th.

Conservation, Interpretation, and Use

Interpretive Facilities: Mr. Houston Branch, Editor of the Sportsmans Handbook was granted permission by the Everglades Natural History Association to use certain footage from Highlights of the Everglades for his proposed film titled Flamingo in Everglades National Park.

Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer presented a program on the Park to the Junior Womans Club of Boca Raton on the 1st. A policy was established to limit traveling distance for off-site programs. The limit established is 50 miles.

Installation work for Parachute Key Visitor Center air conditioning was started.

A purchase order has been written for railing for the Parachute Key Visitor Center. The contract was awarded to Anvil Metals with termination date of September 15.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Visitor Cente
date of Septe

Interpretive Services: Visitation for the month was steady with some heavy weekend travel. By the last week of August visitation had begun to taper off a little bit. 11,612 visitors stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center and 21,868 entered the Royal Palm area. This is an increase from August, 1966, of 12.2% when 15,750 people visited the Royal Palm area.

Attendence at Flamingo evening programs showed a 10% increase over July. The evening programs were preceded by Naturalist's talks and the public expressed appreciation and enjoyment for the program.

General: During the month 142 new and duplicated slides were added to the slide library.

A new lift box for the Gumbo Limbo Trail was completed during the month. This box, containing bones of wild animals, will be placed beside one of the solution holes on the trail.

During the month the lift box exhibits from the Anhinga Trail were renewed and repaired as needed and put back on the trail.

The Royal Palm Station was converted from an information station to a roving contact station on the 14th of the month. Scheduled walks still were given twice daily on the Anhinga Trail and the Naturalist at the station was given more time to contact visitors on the trails rather than only at the information desk. Sales of books, slides and film were discontinued at Royal Palm.

Naturalist Inman has worked on the shell collection adding to it those shells she found both at East Cape and in a box in the closet. The number of specimens identified, labeled, and arranged now number 80.

Larry J. Tillman

Larry J. Tillman
Acting Chief Park Naturalist

A2615

Superintendent

September 8, 1967

Acting Chief Park Naturalist

Naturalist Monthly Report, August, 1967

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Installation work for Parachute Key Visitor Center air conditioning was started.

A purchase order has been written for railing for the Parachute Key Visitor Center. The contract was awarded to Anvil Metals with termination date of September 15.

Superintendent September 8, 1967

Acting Chief Park Naturalist

Recreation Monthly Report, August, 1967

General

Visitors: Miss Ann P. Mellinger, assistant to Dr. E. G. Tomlinson, Peninsula Tropical Garden, Miami, Florida, was in the office August 12, to renew her permit for collecting vascular plants for continuation of vegetation analysis project. Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Kane were here to audit the Everglades National History Association books.

Maintenance

Personnel: Mike Storey, Park Naturalist at Flamingo went off of Permanent Part a payroll effective August 25, 1967, to prepare to resume his graduate studies. Mr. Jay Miller, Chief Park Naturalist was at Park Headquarters August 28 - 31. Mr. William Truesdell was upgraded to GS-4, Mr. Jim Tomlinson entered the hospital after having a mild coronary. Latest health reports say that he is now home and is recovering. Mr. Larry Killian was on annual leave for two weeks. Mr. Jim Hamilton was furloughed 000 August 14, 1967, after being on annual leave since the 7th.

Concessions, Interpretation, and Use

Interpretive Facilities: Mr. Thomas Brandt, Editor of the Sportsmans Gazetteer was granted permission by the Everglades National History Association to use certain items from Historical Aspects of the Everglades for his proposed film dialog Flamingo in Everglades National Park.

Park Naturalist Dale Storey presented a program to the Park by the Dania Womens Club of Dade Estate on the 14th. A policy was established by this Service Division for self-size programs. The limit established is 30 mins.

Installation work for Purchase Key Vision Center air conditioning was started.

A purchase order has been written for cooling for the Pennekote Key Vision Center. The contract was awarded to Ansil Bevels with termination date of September 15.

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Larry J. Tillman
Acting Chief Park Naturalist

Interpretive Services: Visitation for the month was steady with some heavy weekend crowds. By the last week of August visitation had begun to taper off a little bit. 11,813 visitors stopped in the Pedestrian Key Visitor Center and 77,355 entered the Royal Palm area. This is an increase from August, 1981, of 12.2% when 15,730 people visited the Royal Palm area.

Attendance at Flamingo evening programs showed a 31% increase over July. The evening programs were presided by Naturalist's Katie and Tom Poole expressed appreciation and enjoyment for the programs.

General: During the month 141 new and duplicated slides were added to the slide library.

A new file box for the Snake Alcove Trail was completed during the month. This box, containing books of site markers, will be placed beside the old fish exhibit board on the trail.

During the month the list box outside Ding the Anhinga Trail were removed and replaced as needed and put back on the trail.

The Royal Palm Naturalist has converted from an 8½"x11" clipping to a looking control system by the Park by the month. Individual calls still need prior notice by the Anhinga Trail and the Naturalist at the station the plant more flow to control visitor to the trails before the [illegible] date of books, slides and film were discontinued as Royal Palm.

Naturalist Lance has worked to the Royal Pelican nesting to 12 those checks the Coast Guard at Card Sds and in 3 Com to the closer. The number of eyes were counted, labeled, and stopped the number 91.

Jerry J. Gilmer
Acting Chief Park Naturalist

To ; Chief Park Naturalist Date : 9/2/67
From : District Park Naturalist, Glades District
bject : Monthly Report, August, 1967

GENERAL

Weather

The weather for the month was hot and humid. Below average rainfall fell during the month mostly in the form of local showers. The reading at the water gauge along the Anhinga Trail read 1.9 ft. at the first of the month and 2.1 ft. at the end of the month.

Travel

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Special Activities

Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer presented a program on the Park to the Junior Womans Club of Boca Raton on the 1st.

During the month the Natural History Association operation was audited.

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ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

Seasonal Park Naturalist Sam Mendlen was furloughed COB August14,1967, after being on Annual leave since the 7th.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Research and Observations

Wildlife continued to be scarce in the Royal Palm area; however, 4 or 5 young alligators and 2 or 3 adult alligators appeared on occassions. On the 12th one otter was seen near the Anhinga trail. Early morning walks on the Anhinga Trail usually stirred up a variety of birds. Several white Ibis, Limpkins, night Herons, Green Herons, and a purple Gallinule were seen during the month. One Great White Heron stayed in the area all month, and Anhingas and Cormorants were om hand every day. Fish are still visible in good numbers in the Royal Palm Pond but the slough seems to have very few. Spot checks for banded gar have been negative so far.

Walks down the Paradise Key Trail showed that a good mumber of fall migrating birds are beginning to come into the area.

Interpretive Activities

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W. G. Truesdell

William G. Truesdell

Items for August Monthly Report

Installation work for Parachute Rigs VC, air conditioning started
Shark Valley exhibit plan + booklet material completed + mailed to SERO
M. Hoyle, Inman, Trumbull + Simms field trip to Shark Valley
Zimmer gave talk for Boca Raton Junior Woman's Club. Policy establishing distance to go for off-site programs established.
Ms. CORRICK & Mr. Ross [redacted] how to audit EEHA books.

P.O. for VC railing written. Job awarded to ANVIL Metals. To be accomplished by Sept. 15.

Trumbull upgraded to C-5-9

Mike Stacy resigned

Naturalist party for Stacy + Inman at Flamingo

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Sam Nordlin entered Hospital after mild coronary

Royal Palm ~~[illegible]~~ publication was discontinued

Houston Brown's film script returned to him for corrections

Equipment received:
Todd typewriter

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: September 1, 1967

: Park Naturalist, Flamingo

CT: Monthly Narrative Report for August, 1967

General

There has been a further slack-off of the rainfall occuring at Flamingo, with only slightly more than ½ the amount falling during Aug. of 1966.

There was one severe squall lasting almost an hour with winds of 38 knots, gusts of 43 knots, out of the south. Other than that only showers at Flamingo; no exceptional winds.

Visitation showed a marked decrease from July affecting the motel business. Campground attendance was up affecting the evening programs attendance.

Talks and Campfire Programs

Attendance at evening programs showed a 10% increase over July. On week-ends many visitors came for the E.P.C. movies and were surprised to have them preceded by the Naturalist's talks. However, their response to them was great, and they expressed appreciation for the entire enjoyable evening. The Mon. and Wed. evening programs were also well received.

The Bayshore Walks took a decided tumble in attendance perhaps due to the lateness of the movies the preceding nights - as well as the abundance of mosquitoes.

Miscellaneous Activities and Observations

On 8-26 Naturalist Mike Storey left the Park Service to resume his graduate studies. He has left with us slides of some very fine pencil sketches he made of activities of the village of Flamingo in its early days.

Naturalist Inman has continued with orientation activities. On 8-9 she went on an air-boat ride with Naturalist Truesdell in Shark Valley to observe a Little Blue Heron rookery and explore an Indian site on a hammock. On 8-15 she went with Ranger Markette to find shells on East Cape and cruise Lake Ingraham; On 8-19 to see the mangrove swamps around Whitewater Bay to Harney River; and on 8-20 to observe Osprey and Bald Eagles on the keys in Florida Bay. On the East Cape trip she got a chance to handle the boat and bring it in to the dock.

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On 8-12 Naturalists Storey and Inman photographed the 14 newly hatched Green Sea Turtles being kept at the NPS marina, and also 2 flamingoes reported at Snake Bight. However, they were too far out on the mud flats for spectacular shots.

Naturalist Inman has worked on the shell collection adding to it those shells she found both at East Cape and in a box in the closet. The number of specimens identified, labled, and arranged now number 80.

The Flamingo Naturalist crew accepted a one-week old crocodile (10½ inches, 3 ounces) from Chief Naturalist Miller, to be raised till 2-3 ft. long when it will be released. "Kruger" has his own cage tied to the Park's barge next to the sea turtles' cage and is presently being force-fed twice a day with fish cadged from the sport fishermen.

Migration has begun with a large flock of Barn Swallows, about 125, which have spent several weeks in the Visitor Center area as well as the residential area.

Mary Jane Inman
Park Naturalist
Flamingo

A2615

Superintendent October 9, 1967

Chief Park Naturalist

Naturalist Monthly Report, September, 1967

Administration

Personnel: Pat H. Miller, Chief Park Naturalist was at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia for one week attending Interpretative Goals Training Course. Mangrove District Naturalist Leonard W. McKenzie, Jr. arrived at Everglades September 22. George E. Neusaenger, Gulf Coast District Naturalist, went on Everglades payroll September 17 and will be at Everglades City. Mrs. Ruth Mendlen was on annual leave in order to take of Sam Mendlen who is home recovering from a mild coronary. Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman spent the day of September 9 at Flamingo taking in the Bayshore Walk, Whitewater Bay Cruise and the evening program.

General

Visitors: On September 30, the Prime Minister and Prince of Pakistan arrived in the Park with a State Department escort.

Visitation for the month was generally slow with heavier activity on weekends. Labor Day weekend was light on Saturday and Sunday but on Monday there were many visitors in the area.

Conservation, Interpretation, and Use

Interpretive Services: A special walk and talk was given to 24 retarded children at Royal Palm on September 9. The Royal Palm Station continued to be operated as a roving contact station. Number of visitor contacts made by roving naturalists was 1,933. This is about 16% of the people visiting the Royal Palm area.

On September 26, a group of Refuge Managers of the Fish and Wildlife Service visited the Royal Palm area. They were given a special guided walk on the Anhinga Trail. They are having a two week workshop at Flamingo.

The railing for the Parachute Key Visitor Center was set up during the middle of September.

The Everglades Natural History Association has added several new books to its sales roster: a campground guide, four additional Golden Guides, and a marsh life book of the McGraw-Hill series.

Superintendent December 9, 1941

Chief Park Naturalist

Naturalist Monthly Report, September, 1917

Administration

Personnel: Ivy R. Miller, Chief Park Naturalist was at Canyon Ferry, Park Virginia for some months interpretative Camp Training Course.) Temporary District Naturalist Leonard R. Mckenzie, Jr. arrived at Evergladia September 12. George K. Hemminger, Salt Coast District Naturalist, went on Evergladia payroll September 17 and will be at Evergladey City.) Mrs. Ruth Moulton was on annual leave in order to take 3/ Dan Moulton who is home recovering from a mild concussion. Assistance Chief Naturalist Gilkins spent the day of September 9 at Flamingo talking to the Interpretive Staff, Ray Dundas and the evening program.

General

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Visitation for the month was generally slow with heavier activity on weekends. Labor Day weekend was light on Saturday and Sunday but on Monday there were many visitors in the area.

Conservation, Interpretation, and Use

Interpretive Services: A special walk and talk was given on 24 personal outlines as Royal Palm on September 5. The Royal Palm Station continued to be operated as a roving contact station. Number of visitor contacts made by roving naturalists was 1,215. This is about 15% of the people visiting the Royal Palm Area.

On September 24, a group of Rocky Rangers of the Flat and District Service visited the Royal Palm area. They were given a special guided walk on the Anhinga Trail. They are having a two week workship at Flamingo.

The rating for the Paradise Key Visitor Center was not up during the middle of September.

The Everglades Natural History Association has added several new books to its sales version: a coloproof guide, four additional Golden Guides, and a newer life book of the Skeleton-fill series.

Work continued on the air conditioning at the Parachute Key Visitor Center with the auditorium still in use as an information lobby.

Attendance at evening programs at Flamingo dropped 72% from August but was up 22% over last September. / Bayshore walks attendance showed a 60% increase over August./

Visitors entering the Parachute Key Visitor Center numbered 7,418 and 12,038 visitors entered the Royal Palm area. This represents an increase of 31% over September, 1966, when 9,188 people entered the Royal Palm area.

Walks into Paradise Key revealed several new migrating birds. The first returning Pied billed Grebe and Florida Gallinule were recorded.

Pat H. Miller

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EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
and
FORT JEFFERSON NATIONAL MONUMENT
N26 P.O. BOX 279
HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA 33030

October 1, 1967

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Park Naturalist, Flamingo

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for September, 1967

General
Finally got good rainfall the last half of the month.

One threatening hurricane - "Beulah" - put us on green alert twice, Sept. 10 & 16, and then decided to devastate Brownsville and Corpus Christe, Tex. We watched 2 others at the same time: Doria, which threatened the east coast, went out to sea, circled back and hit above Cape Hatteras; and Chloe which preferred to stay in the middle of the Atlantic.

Visitation dropped off markedly after Labor Day.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations
An estimated 6,000 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during September. Of these 110 were personally contacted.

Talks, Walks, and Campfire Programs
Attendance at evening programs dropped 72% from August but was up 22% over last September. Bayshore Walks attendance showed a 60% increase over August even though mosquito attendance was as high as ever. Attendance figures are as follows: at 14 evening programs - 336
at 4 Bayshore Walks - - - 24
at 1 special talk - - - - 33

Interpretive Personnel
District Naturalist Leonard McKenzie arrived at Everglades Sept. 22. Most of his first week at Flamingo consisted of orientation to the area and its operations.

Miscellaneous
Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman spent the day of September 9 at Flamingo taking in the Bayshore Walk, Whitewater Bay Cruise, and the evening program, and we had a good opportunity to discuss many things.

The Dodge pickup got a new bed and a newly sanded and painted top which had been leaking badly. (It still leaks behind the rear-view mirror in a heavy rain.) The Plymouth station-wagon was taken to HQ for transfer to Everglades City.

"~~Kruger~~" crocodile lived to 5 weeks of age, then succumbed to a disseminated fungal infection which he contracted while living at the boat basin. Even though he was moved to a more suitable location by the dock behind the residences, where he could be dry and in the sun half the time, the fungus had too good a start.

The Bureau of Sportfisheries and Wildlife is having a two week workshop at Flamingo. Their session started with bad weather, and the two scheduled events to be hostessed by the Naturalist Division were rained out, (Sunset Cruise and Tram-train Ride). So instead a movie was shown (Disney's "Prowlers of the Everglades") and followed by a discussion of interpretation and its role in the NPS.

On Sept. 30 at 4:30 pm Naturalist Inman (off duty at the time) was told to meet the Prime Minister and Prince of Pakistan who would arrive at Flamingo in 2 limosines in 45-50 min. She was ready in full dress uniform in 40 min. and arrived on the scene as they drove away to leave the Park.

Naturalist Inman spent 16½ hours during September taking bird counts at 5 areas since migration has begun. The 3 trips to Snake Bight were concerned mainly with Reddish Egrets. An average number per trip of 9 dark and 3 white phase were recorded. At West Lake, in 1 of 5 trips, 2 Yellow bellied Sapsuckers were seen - early by a couple of weeks. Four trips to Mrazek's Pond showed nothing unusual. At Coot Bay Pond, in 1 of 4 trips, a family of 4 Bald Eagles was observed. Speculation is they may build another nest in that area. Barn Swallows were much in evidence at all the above areas. Two trips to Nine Mile Pond and Paurotis Pond disclosed nothing out of the ordinary.

Leonard McKenzie

Leonard McKenzie

MJInman/mji

To: Chief Park Naturalist
From: Glades District
Subject: Monthly Report for Sept. 1967

Date: 10/3/67

GENERAL

Weather

The first three weeks of the month were dry, a few scattered showers. The fourth week was rainy. The water level at the Anhinga Trail gauge rose from 2.1' at the beginning of September to 3.0' at the end. On September 10, the Park went on Green Alert for Hurricane Beulah, but the storm passed by.

Travel

Visitation for the month was generally slow, with expected heavier activity on weekends. Labor Day weekend was light on Saturday and Sunday but on Monday there were a mass of visitors in the area.

7,418 visitors entered the Parachute Key Visitor Center and 12,038 entered the Royal Palm Area. This represents an increase of 31% over September, 1966 when 9,183 people entered the Royal Palm area.

Special Activities

An official group of the Pakostani government visited the area at the end of the month with a State Dept. escort.

The Everglades Natural History Assn. added several new books to its sales roster: a campground guide, four additional Golden Guides, a marsh life book of the Natural-Aid series. Work continued on the air conditioning at the Parachute Key Visitor Center with the auditorium still in use as an information lobby. A railing was installed around the interpretive mural in the information lobby.

Personnel

Park Guide Ruth Pendlen was on leave for most of the month caring for her husband.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Research and Observations

Wildlife at Royal Palm continued to be scarce. Young gators and two large ones often at the wall near the station. By the end of the month the bird population had increased notably. On Sept. 26, 4 baby purple gallinues were observed near the boardwalk with their parents. The first returning Pied billed Grebe and Florida Gallinule were recorded.

One Great White Heron with a badly damaged wing was observed. Amputation was performed by The Asst. Park Biologist.

Walks into Paradise Key revealed several new migrating birds.

The mosquito population continued bothersome during the month, although some let up was felt during the middle of the month. Various fungi were noted along the Gumbo Limbo trail -- this seems to be the best time of the year for them. Plant life along the Gumbo Limbo Trail seems to have had a good growing season this year. A record number of hathing garden spider nests were observed along the ANhinga Trail.

Interpretive Activities

A special walk and talk was given to 24 retarded children at Royal Palm on Sept. 9.

The Royal Palm Station continued to be operated as a roving contact station. Number of visitor contacts made by roving naturalists was 1933. This is about 16% of the people visiting the Royal Palm area.

On September 26, a group of Refuge Managers of the Fish and Wildlife Service visited the Royal Palm area. They were given a special guided walk on the ANhinga Trail.

Gale K. Zimmer

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Superintendent, Everglades November 14, 1967

Chief Park Naturalist

Naturalist Monthly Report, October, 1967

Administration

Personnel: District Park Naturalist Truesdell attended the Communications Writing Course at Harpers Ferry from October 2 to October 14, 1967. Gale K. Zimmer received a step increase and Park Guide Ruth Mendlen was on leave all month caring for her husband. District Naturalist Leonard McKenzie received minor injuries in a boating accident October 27 in Florida Bay. During the month all District personnel have attended weekly Interpretive Planning meetings in preparation for the Interpretive Planning Team coming to the Park this winter.

General

Visitors: Mr. Douglass Hubbard, from WASO, was in the Park early in the month. He visited Everglades City and Fort Jefferson during his week here.

District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Swat Nicharat, Chief of the National Parks Section of the Thailand Forest Service, around the Flamingo area on the afternoon of October 12.

The workshop conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife continued through October 6 at Flamingo. Mr. McKenzie recorded the sessions on tape on the 2nd and 3rd and took the group's picture on their last day. The tapes and pictures have since been forwarded to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for their records.

833 persons were recorded to have entered the District building at Everglades City of which 666 were personally contacted. An estimated 7,290 visitors of whom 201 were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center. 6,507 visitors stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center and 17,835 visited the Royal Palm area. This figure represents an increase over October, 1966, of about 19.8%.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Activities:

Parachute Key Visitor Center - The Information Desk at Parachute Key

Superintendent, Everglades November 14, 1961

Chief Park Naturalist

Naturalist Monthly Report, October, 1961

Administration

Personnel: Chief Park Naturalist Townsell attended the Conservation Writing Conference at Harpers Ferry from October 2 to October 14, 1961. Clerk K. Tanner received a step increase and Park Guide Mack Moeller was on leave all month caring for her husband. Biologist Naturalist Leonard McKenzie received minor injuries in a boating accident October 21 in Florida Bay. During the month all District personnel have attended weekly Interpretive Planning meetings in preparation for the Interpretive Planning Team coming to the Park this winter.

General

Visitors: Mr. Douglass Rowland, from GGNP, was in the Park early in the month. He visited Everglades City and Port Jefferson during his week here.

Chief Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Fred Shibley, Chief of the National Park Section of the Thailand Forest Service, around the Flamingo area on the afternoon of October 12.

The working conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife continued through October 6 at Flamingo. Mr. McKenzie received the vaccine in time on the 3rd and took the group's picture the last day. The maps and pictures have since been forwarded to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife for their records.

413 persons were recorded to have entered the Historic Building at Everglades City of which 249 were personally contacted. An estimated 7,750 visitors of whom 201 were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center. 8,381 visitors stopped at the Pinelands Key Visitor Center and 1,833 visited the Royal Palm area. This figure represents an increase over October, 1960, of about 12.7%.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Activities:

Pinelands Key Visitor Center - The Information Desk at Pinelands Key

was moved back out to the main lobby after the contractor completed the installation of the air conditioning. A slide program and a short movie are now being shown.

Royal Palm Station - The museum was closed most of the month due to painting, but was reopened last week. The Information Desk remained unmanned the whole month, with the one naturalist at the Station giving the two guided walks, making roving contacts, and handling the concession. Three school groups were given special talks and walks at Royal Palm with a total of 68 students contacted. During the month Management Biologist Richard Klukas and a crew began cutting and clearing operations in the Taylor Slough.

Flamingo - Rehabilitation of the weather-beaten Information Desk and orientation map based in the Visitor Center lobby was begun late in the month. The announcement board for naturalist activities was renovated and moved to a more conspicuous location. The two renovated exhibit panels "Hurricanes - What They Do" and "Romance of the Cape" were reinstalled in the Visitor Center. Renovation of the Birdwatcher's Bulletin Board was begun during the month.

A total of 63 visitors participated in six Bayshore Walks. This represents a 160% increase over the September figure and a 70% rise over last year. A total of 402 visitors attended 12 evening programs in the EPC auditorium. An increase of 20% over September and 37% above that recorded last year.

Pat H. Miller

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: CHIEF NATURALIST DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 1967

M : GULF COAST NATURALIST

JECT: MONTHLY NARRATIVE, OCTOBER 1967, GULF COAST DISTRICT

GENERAL

Weather conditions: October was a warm dry month. The rainfall for the month totaled 2.94 inches, which 1.26 inches below the total for October 1966. The greatest amount fell Oct 9-10 (1.62 inches). There were seventeen days that no rainfall was recorded. The total for 1967 now stands at 42.94 inches.

The month's temperatures were normal, with the average high temperature being 85.2° and the average low being 64.8°. The highest temperature recorded was 89° (Oct 1st and Oct 9th). The lowest temperature was recorded on Oct 19th (59°).

TOTAL VISITATION: Atotal of 833 persons entered the District building. 666 were contacted by uniform personnel. I have no figures for the 1966 totals.

BUDGET STATUS: Monthly expendures included; salary 464.84, and there were no other costs. Note: salary figure is through Oct 21st.

Wildlife Observations: Bird migrations are greatly increasing, most noteworthy was a two day period (Oct 21st and Oct 22nd, during that time 140 Wood Ibises flew over the district building. A dead manatee was found and the skeleton will be transfered to the museum as soon as it is presentable.

Concessionier Activities: During the month Sammy Hamilton Boat tours made 68 trips, and carried 504 persons. The represents approximately 75% of the persons visiting the district by car.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Special Activities: The visits of Howard W. Baker, October second and that of Doug Hubbard on October 4th.

Public Relations: There have been numerous requests for winter schedules, as well as requests for the boat tour information for November trips. Several children have requested park information as part of a school project.

District Naturalist
Gulf Coast District

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Everglades National Park
November 5, 1967

N REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To; Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for October, 1967

General

Warm weather with sporadic rainfall prevailed throughout October, though a slight cooling trend became apparent the latter half of the month. Despite the persistence of mosquitoes, visitation to the area began to increase gradually.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

An estimated 7,290 visitors, of whom 201 were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month.

Rehabilitation of the weather-beaten information desk and orientation map base in the Visitor Center lobby was begun late in the month. The announcement board for naturalist activities was renovated and moved to a more conspicuous location on the wall just outside the exhibit room, and a temporary Leroy sign indicating the hours the museum is open and house restrictions was placed on the museum door.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections

The two exhibit panels - "Hurricanes-What They Do" and "Romance of the Cape" - that were sent to Eastern Museum Lab for rehabilitation last spring were reinstalled in the Visitor Center October 18. Three cutouts of birds in flight, removed at the same time, were also returned but could not be installed because their mounts have not been located.

Renovation of the Birdwatchers' Bulletin Board began during the month. We tentatively plan to relocate it behind the large plate glass window that encloses the outer naturalist office.

Park Naturalist Inman has recorded a two-hour tape of bird songs from some Na tional Geographic records and has prepared a chart of the nesting seasons of the Park's permament avian residents.

All preserved specimens in the Flamingo collection have been restored with fresh alcohol.

A Place Names file for the Mangrove District was started in conjunction with the Park Place Names project.

Park Naturalist Inman sorted and organized a large group of historical black and white photographs dating back to the days of old Flamingo.

Self-Guiding Trails and Tours

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman inspected the Mangroveland Guide markers along the Buttonwood Canal October 19. About half of them are missing, and those still in place badly need repainting. This work will be done as time permits.

Conducted Trips

A total of 63 visitors participated in six Bayshore Walks during October. This represents a 160% increase over the September figure and a 70% rise over the same period last year.

District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Swat Nicharat, Chief of the National Parks Section of the Thailand Forest Service, around the Flamingo area and to West Lake, Snake Bight, and Bear Lake on the afternoon of October 12. Subdistrict Ranger Markette took him to Whitewater Bay the following day.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman audited the EPC Wilderness Tram Trip October 29. Though a number of minor errors were noted, the presentation on the whole was adequate.

On October 27 Park Naturalists Inman and Zimmer scouted foot trails at the end of the campground and off the Utility Area road. Both routes have good potential for conducted walks. They also investigated the Bear Lake Road, which had just been mowed, and all the guide markers were there and in good condition.

Talks and Campfire Programs

A total of 402 visitors attended 12 evening programs in the EPC auditorium. This figure is 20% over September's number and 37% above that recorded last year.

District Ranger Stokes presented a special evening program October 4 on the birds of the Park.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

District Naturalist McKenzie spent considerable time during the month in orientation activities. On October 8 he accompanied Park Naturalist Inman to Snake Bight, and the following day Park Ranger Mayer took him to Whitewater Bay. On October 10 Chief Naturalist Miller took him to Everglades City, with side trips to the Shark Valley Observation Tower and Sandfly Island, and on the 11th he joined District Ranger Stokes on a boat excursion to Lostman's River. He accompanied Management Biologist Klukas to Sandy Key, where Klukas buried some green turtle eggs as part of the Park's sea turtle reestablishment project, on October 16. On October 24 he canoed down the Bear Lake Canal, and two days later he helped District Ranger Stokes and Subdistrict Ranger Markette remove some illegal crab traps from the Park.

On October 21 Park Naturalist Inman accompanied Park Rangers Moseley and Woody in a patrol boat across West Lake and down the newly marked canoe trail to Florida Bay. The eastern portion of Alligator Creek has many submerged snags but should be easier to navigate in a canoe as long ~~tkx~~ as the water level is high.

District Naturalist McKenzie attended staff meetings at Headquarters October 5 and 25. Park Natura list Inman also attended the meeting October 5.

Park Naturalist Inman was on duty at Royal Palm October 5 and 12.

Chief Naturalist Miller came to Flamingo October 29 to discuss various interpretive matters.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs

The message repeater in the Florida Bay exhibit was put into service October 1 after being out of order for several weeks.

The Kodak Carousel 550 used for evening programs was replaced by a new Model AV-900 October 19. The old unit is being held as a standby.

We presently have 2 of these, 1 of which is at Flamingo

Research and Observations

Park Naturalist Inman made four bird counts during the month.

Safety and Health

District Naturalist McKenzie received minor injuries in a boating accident October 27 in Florida Bay. ~~Forms DI-134 and SF-92A have been submitted.~~

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Miscellaneous Activities

The workshop conducted by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, which began the last week of September at Flamingo, continued through October 6. District Naturalist McKenzie recorded the sessions on tape on the 2nd and 3rd and took the group's picture on their last day.

The movie "How to Catch a Rhino" was shown to the District maintenance crew October 12, and on October 26 the movie "Wild Rivers" was shown to the same group.

A District operating program was submitted to Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman October 31.

District Naturalist McKenzie participated in a fire control training session held by the Ranger Division for all Flamingo employees October 31.

Leonard McKenzie
District Naturalist

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Memorandum

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: Chief Naturalist DATE: November 8, 1967

M : Glades District Naturalist

JECT: Monthly Report, Glades District, October, 1967

General

Weather: The weather for the month was variable. Rain occurred during the first part of the month bringing the water up from 3.0 feet to 3.6 feet at Royal Palm by the 11th. However, dry days at the end of the month caused the water level to drop back to 3.1 feet.

Travel: During the month of October, 1967, 6,507 visitors stopped at the Visitors Center and 17,835 people visited the Royal Palm area. The Royal Palm figure represents an increase over October, 1966, of about 19.8%. Many visitors said they decided to visit the Park after reading the article in the October issue of National Geographic. This could have helped increase the visitation.

Special Activities: District Naturalist Truesdell attended the Communications Writing Course at Harper's Ferry from October 2 to October 14, 1967.

During the month all District personnel attended weekly Interpretive Planning meetings in preparation for the Interpretive Planning Team coming to the Park this winter.

Personnel: Gale K. Zimmer received a step increase to GS-7/4 during the month. Park Guide Mendlen was on leave all month caring for her husband.

Research and Observations: At Royal Palm, the Great White Heron with the missing right wing survived the month in good shape. It seems to be feeding well, looks good, and was actually seen chasing two American Egrets out of its feeding area.

As the month progressed more and more birds seemed to be moving into the Taylor Slough area. Pied-billed Grebes, Florida Gallinules, Purple Gallinules, and many of the Herons are seen every day. As of the end of the month the water was still high and very few alligators are in the area. There are only about 3 large gators and about a dozen small ones along the Anhinga Trail.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

Interpretive Activities: The Information Desk at Parachute Key Visitor Center was moved back out to the main lobby after the contractor completed the installation of the air conditioning. A slide program and a short movie are now being shown at the Visitor Center.

The museum at Royal Palm station was closed most of the month due to painting, but was reopened last week. The Information Desk remained unmanned the whole month, with the one naturalist at the station giving the two guided walks, making roving contacts, and handling the concession.

Three school groups were given special talks and walks at Royal Palm with a total of 68 students contacted.

Ecological Maintenance: During the month Management Biologist Richard Klukas and a crew began cutting and clearing operations in the Taylor Slough.

William G. Truesdell

William G. Truesdell

A2615

Superintendent, Everglades December 22, 1967

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Report - November, 1967

Administration

Personnel - Park Guide Ruth Mendlen returned to duty November 19 after about 2 months absence while caring for her husband. On November 20 Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer was called for two weeks jury duty. On the 5th the Girl Scout Ranger Aids returned to work at Royal Palm for the beginning of their yearly service to the Park.

General

Visitors - Visitation during November showed a steady increase up to the 4-day Thanksgiving weekend which brought us the heaviest travel so far this season. Total visitors entering the Parachute Key Visitor Center was 10,202. The number of visitors stopping at Royal Palm during November was 19,375. Overall Park visitation was up 21%. An estimated 8,250 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center and of this number 356 were personnally contacted.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Activities:

Parachute Key Visitor Center - During the month Park Naturalist Zimmer went to Miami on November 15 where she recorded several taped messages for WIOD radio station. These messages were short vignettes on the Park's flora and fauna and will be played on the air at irregular intervals throughout the day.

During the month 5 scheduled special walks were given at Royal Palm for 165 visitors. An additional 6 non-scheduled walks were also given.

Flamingo - A large NPS emblem was installed in the Visitor Center lobby November 12. Rehabilitation of the fixtures in the Visitor Center lobby was extended during the month and the project is now near completion.

Superintendent, Burglares

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Report - November, 1967

Administration

Personnel - Park Guide Ruth Hamblin returned to duty November 15 after about 2 months absence owing for her husband. On November 15 Park Naturalist Dale Hiemer was called for two weeks jury duty. On the 7th the Civil Defense Siren returned to work at Royal Pole for the beginning of their yearly service to the Park.

General

Visitors - Visitation during November showed a steady increase up to the Sunday Thanksgiving weekend which brought us the heaviest travel we for this season. Total visitors entering the Buffalo Bay Visitor Center was 19,202. The number of visitors stopping at Royal Pole during November was 19,375. Overall Park visitation was up 11%. An estimated 9,750 visitors entered the Pleasing Visitor Center and of this number 71% were personally contacted.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Activities:

Projects Day Visitor Center - During the month Park Naturalist Hiemer went to Biwabik on November 13 where she traveled several typed messages for WDSM radio station. These messages were short vignettes on the Park's Flora and Fauna and will be played on the air at irregular intervals throughout the day.

During the month 3 scheduled special talks were given at Royal Pole for 143 visitors. No additional & non-scheduled talks were also given.

Planning - A large 8mm movies was installed in the Visitor Center lobby November 11. Rehabilitation of the Displays in the Visitor Center Lobby was extended during the month and the project is now near completion.

A total of 214 visitors participated in 10 Bayshore Walks. This reflects a 104% increase over the October figure and a 39% jump over last November. Two additional walks were conducted on Thanksgiving weekend.

The new seasonal resident minister, Mr. John Wesley, has been assigned as the Wilderness Tram Train driver and on November 14 District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied him on the regularly scheduled tour to audit his presentation and assist him in the narration.

Attendance at 13 evening campfire programs during the month totaled 1565 visitors. The time of evening programs was advanced from 8:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. November 8. The evening programs were moved from the concessioner's auditorium to the outdoor amphitheater November 24. District Naturalist McKenzie presented an illustrated talk to 20 members of the Homestead Kiwanis Club at the Holiday Inn in Homestead, November 15.

The PCP narrative for the proposed Guy Bradley Trail was edited and revised during the month.

Everglades (City) - The total visitation to the District building for the month was 1325. Of this total 550 visitor contacts were made.

One special group trip was made on the concessioner boat with the Fort Myers Audubon Society.

The concessioner had 45 boat trips and carried a total of 993 persons.

The Shark Valley Exhibit Plan was re-written again and the final draft is to be submitted to the Chief Naturalist for comments.. The short nature trail on Kingston Key (concessioner Ten Thousand Islands Trip) was finished. The proposed loop in the Sandfly Island trail has been delayed for the present time.

Pat H. Miller

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Everglades National Park
December 4, 1967

REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for November, 1967

General

Pleasant weather-relatively cool, dry, and breezy-dominated the month. Small craft warnings flew at Flamingo November 6-12 when ENE winds up to 24 knots were registered. Though the mosquito population declined somewhat, they continued to be bothersome occasionally. Visita tion to the area increased steadily, and, of course, a marked influx was evident on Thanksgiving weekend.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

An estimated 8,250 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center in November. Of this number 356 people were personally contacted.

A large NPS emblem was installed in the Visitor Center lobby November 12.

Rehabilitation of the fixtures in the Visitor Center lobby was extended during the month, and the project is now near completion.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections

The debris in one of the "gardens" in the Visitor Center lobby was removed late in the month. Some of the dead wood was cut for campfire use at evening programs. Plans for utilizing the vacated space are still indefinite.

All original slides in the Flamingo collection were sent to Park Naturalist Zimmer to be sorted and cataloged. The better slides were kept at Headquarters for duplication purposes, while the remainder, deemed unsuitable for reproduction, were returned to Flamingo for possible use.

Conducted Trips

A total of 214 visitors participated in 10 Bayshore Walks during November, thus reflecting a 104% increase over the October figure and a 39% jump over last November's number. Two additional walks were conducted on Thanksgiving weekend.

On November 7 District Naturalist McKenzie investigated the coastal prairie and Florida Bay trails as possible nature walk routes.

On November 9 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman explored the Christian Point trail as far as it had been mowed. Its interpretive potential is excellent, and a weekly nature walk over that route has been scheduled.

The new seasonal resident minister at Flamingo, Mr. John Wesley, has been assigned as the Wilderness Tram Trip driver, and on November 14 District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied him on the regularly scheduled tour to audit his presentation and assist in the narration.

Talks and Campfire Programs

Attendance at 13 evening programs held during the month totalled 1565 visitors. This figure is 259% higher than October's number and 63% above that recorded last November.

The time of evening programs was advanced from 8:00 PM to 7:30 PM November 8.

Evening programs were moved from the concessioner's "auditorium" to the outdoor amphitheater behind the Visitor Center November 24.

District Naturalist McKenzie presented an illustrated talk to 20 members of the Homestead Kiwanis Club a t the Holida y Inn in Homestea d November 15.

Interpretive Planning

In prepa ration for the visit of an Interpretive Planning Team from WASO in January, Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman met with Chief Naturalist Miller and Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman at Flamingo November 1 and at Park Headquarters November 16 to discuss interpretive goals and plans for interpretive developments in the Mangrove District.

While a t Park Headquarters November 20, District Naturalist McKenzie edited and revised the PCP narrative for the proposed Guy Bradley Trail.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

District Naturalist McKenzie attended staff meetings November 1 at Flamingo and November 8 and 15 at Park Headquarters. Park Naturalist Inman also participated in the first meeting.

District Na turalist McKenzie spent the days of November 13 and 27 at Park Headquarters.

Park Na turalists McKenzie and Inman, along with Park Naturalist Neusaenger, were given a three-hour orientation flight over t he Park November 20.

On November 18 Park Ranger Mayer gave Park Na turalist Inman three hours instruction in the operation of the 14-foot skiff. The following day Mayer instructed District Naturalist McKenzie in the operation of the Chekika.

On November 12 Dr. Frank Craighead took Park Naturalist Inman from the campground out the old "cotton pickers'" road, where he interpreted the vegetation of the area. After lunch District Naturalist McKenzie joined them for a trip to Nine Mile Pond. Dr. Craighead discussed geology, history, and effects of hurricanes, as well as the vegetation, along the way.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and I nman accompanied Assistant Research Biologist Ogden and Mr. Fred Truslow to several Keys in Florida Bay to scout bird nesting sites on November 21.

On November 22 Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman joined Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman on a canoe orientation trip down the Bear Lake Canal to Gator and Fox Lakes.

District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied Dr. Frank Craighead to Fox Lake November 23.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman took Mr. Fred Truslow to Gator Lake on the afternoon of November 30.

District Naturalist McKenzie fook four hours of sick leave on the afternoon of November 16.

Seasonal naturalist George Stevenson visited Flamingo November 1.

District Naturalist McKenzie participated in a food handling school conducted by the Public Health Service at Flamingo November 2.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs

A new Carousel projection cabinet replaced the inoperative Admatic in the museum November 5. It will be put into service when the Altec service representative visits Flamingo.

Leonard McKenzie

Addendum

The typewriter in the Interpretive Division doesn't work worth a da mn!

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: December 4, 1967

M : District Park Naturalist, Glades District

ECT: Monthly Report - November, 1967

General

Weather - November was warm and dry; however, by the end of the month it had cooled off to the point that one could tell summer was over. The water gauge along the Anhinga Trail reflected the dry month as it dropped from 3.48 feet at the beginning of the month to 2.2 feet by the end of the month.

Travel - Visitation during November showed a steady day by day increase up to the 4 day Thanksgiving weekend which brought us the heaviest travel so far this season. There was a slight drop off in visitation after the holiday weekend. Total visitors entering the Parachute Key Visitor Center was 10,202. The number of visitors stopping at Royal Palm during November was 19,375. Travel in the Royal Palm area was down less than 1% from November 1966. However, overall Park visitation was up 21%.

Personnel - Park Guide Ruth Mendlen returned to duty 11/19/67 after about 2 months absence while carrying for her husband.

On November 20 Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer was called for 2 weeks jury duty.

On the 5th the Girl Scout Ranger Aids returned to work at Royal Palm for the beginning of their yearly service to the Park. The girls will be contributing their time on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the winter season contacting visitors and assisting them in the interpretation of the Royal Palm area. Favorable visitor comments indicate that the girls are off to a good start.

Interpretive Activities

During the month 5 scheduled special walks were given to 165 visitors. An additional 6 non-scheduled walks were also given.

Some special on the job training in Tropical botany and Slough ecology was given to the new and returning Ranger Aids during the month.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

The heavy visitation during the Thanksgiving weekend made it necessary to have two people behind the Information Desk at the Visitor Center during the late morning and afternoon hours. This left the Royal Palm operation to one person and it was found that one person couldn't adequately interpret the area and also keep up with the Natural History Association operation. Unfortunately, the Maintenance Division has decided to stop helping with the ENHA operation. Prospective employees for weekend assistance have been contacted and will be interviewed during December, 1967.

Park Naturalist Zimmer went to Miami on November 15 where she recorded several taped messages for WIOD radio station. These messages were short vignettes on the Park's flora and fauna and will be played on the air at irregular intervals throughout the day.

Research and Observation - As the ponds and lakes ice up in the cold north, the Park's bird population is on the increase. During the month more and more herons, egrets, bittersn coots, and gallinules were noticed around the Royal Palm area.

With cooler weather more snakes have been seen out on top of the grasses and as the water continues to drop more large alligators are moving into the slough and pond at Royal Palm.

With the advent of cooler weather and the end of the rainy season a considerable decrease in the mosquito population has been noticed. By the end of the month visitors could comfortably walk the Gumbo Limbo Trail without repellent.

William G. Truesdell

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Memorandum

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: CHIEF NATURALIST

DATE: Dec 15, 1967

I : GULF COAST DISTRICT NATURALIST

ECT: NOVEMBER 1967 MONTHLY NARRATIVE

GENERAL:
November was a normal month for rainfall, with 1.46 inches falling. A normal fall for November would have been 1.46 inches. Thus far for the year the total rainfall is 44.06 inches, which is 8.35 inches below normal.

VISITOR INFORMATION:
The total visitation to the District building for the month was 1325 persons. Of this total 550 actual uniformed contacts were made.

CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES:
One special group trip was made on the concessionier boat with the Fort Myers Audubon Society.

TALKS AND PROGRAMS:
None.

INTERPRETIVE PLANNING:
The Shark Valley Exhibit Plan was re-written again and the final draft was submitted to the Chief Naturalist for comments.
The short nature trail on Kingston Key (concessionier Ten Thousand Islands Trip) was finished. The proposed loop in the Sandfly Island trail has been delayed for the present time.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS:
Nothing of special interest.

CONCESSIONIER ACTIVITIES:
The concessionier had 45 trips and carried a total of 993 persons

MISCELLANEOUS:
District Naturalist still needs a typewriter.
District Ranger Art Johnson and I have agreed on the procedure to follow in accomplishing the proposed Raccoon trapping on Kingston Key, we are awaiting the delivery of traps however. We plan to accomplish this study as a district cooperative activity.

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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Superintendent January 23, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Report - December, 1967

Administration

Personnel - Seasonal Park Naturalists Motherspaugh, Hounsell, and Sam Mendlen entered on duty on December 10, 1967. Seasonal Naturalist Mendlen went on sick leave on December 20, 1967, and remained on leave for the remainder of the month. George Stevenson, seasonal naturalist, entered on duty at Flamingo December 18.

On December 11, 12 and 13 all naturalist personnel, seasonal and permanent, attended the Interpretive Training Course which was offered at Park Headquarters.

Glades District personnel attended the Administrative Training Session on December 1, 1967, and on December 7 for a special talk by Director Hartzog.

General

Visitors - The Park was visited by Congressman and Mrs. Claude Pepper and Senator and Mrs. Spessard Hollard.

A total of 21,624 people stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center during December with over 2,000 people being contacted at the Visitor Center on the 27th alone. 24,937 people stopped at the Royal Palm Station.

A total of 3,517 visitors entered the Gulf Coast District building and of that total 1,623 were personally contacted.

The Flamingo Visitor Center received an estimated 12,864 visitors and a total of 721 visitors were personally contacted.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Activities:

Parachute Key Visitor Center - Royal Palm Station - On December 2 a special walk was given to 55 students from Palmetto Junior High on the

Superintendent January 11, 1968

Cedar Fort Reservists

Monthly Report - December, 1967

Administration

Personnel - Seasonal Park Naturalists Butterworth, Hemmell, and Van Meadlo entered on duty on December 12, 1967. Seasonal Naturalist Meadlo went on sick leave on December 20, 1967, and remained on leave for the remainder of the month. George Stevenson, seasonal naturalist, entered on duty at Flamingo December 12.

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Glades district personnel attended the Administrative Training Session on December 1, 1967, and on December 7 for a special talk by Director Hartzog.

General

Visitors - The Park was visited by Congressmen and Mrs. Claude Pepper and Senator and Mrs. Spessard Holland.

A total of 11,434 people stopped at the Pinelands Key Visitor Center during December with over 1,500 people being contacted at the Visitor Center on the 11th alone. 14,337 people stopped at the Royal Palm Station.

A total of 3,917 visitors entered the Gulf Coast Visitor Building and of this total 1,611 were personally contacted.

The Flamingo Visitor Center received an estimated 12,814 visitors and a total of 721 visitors were personally contacted.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Interpretive Activities:

Pinelands Key Visitor Center - Royal Palm station - On December 1 a special talk was given to 53 students from Volusia Junior High on the

Anhinga Trail and Gumbo Limbo Trail. A special walk was also given to Palmetto Junior High students on December 9 and again on December 16.

A special walk was provided a group of visiting Japanese Meterologists. Personnel from WASO were in the Park for the 20th Anniversary Celebration and they touted the Visitor Center and Royal Palm area.

On December 17 the Winter Interpretive Program went into effect. A copy of the winter program is attached.

Flamingo - On December 7 District Naturalist McKenzie narrated the Whitewater Bay Cruise for WASO personnel who were in Flamingo for the 20th Anniversary Celebration.

A total of 5,277 visitors attended the 23 campfire programs given during the month.

Everglades (City) - A total of ten conducted Ten Thousand Islands trips were made, a total of 184 visitors were taken. This number of trips exceeded the scheduled number. Six evening programs were given with a total of 105 visitors attending.

The Shark Valley Loop Road Exhibit Plan and Booklet remained the primary interest. The exhibit plan and text have been finalized, while the booklet text is still being revised.

The concessioner had 92 trips and carried a total of 1,170 visitors

Pat H. Miller

Enclosure

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Flamingo - On December 7 Dilly-an Waterwise performed the entertainment for Cruise for Wildlife passengers who were in Flamingo for the 10th Anniversary Celebration.

A total of 3,317 visitors attended the 12 campfire programs given during the month.

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The concessioner had 91 trips and visited a total of 1,137 visitors.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Everglades National Park
January 8, 1968

REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for December, 1967

General

Though the weather was pleasant most of the month, winter definitely arrived December 23 when a sudden cold front out of the north brought winds that gusted up to 35 knots and dropped the temperature sharply. Warmth returned Christmas Day. Holiday visitation was typically heavy, and the post- Christmas weather and spectacular bird displays helped to enhance visitor enjoyment of the Park. This was partially offset, though, when an evening rain on December 28 brought back hordes of mosquitos to the Flamingo area.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

The Flamingo Visitor Center received an estimated 12,864 visitors during December. A total of 721 visitors were personally contacted at the Visitor Center.

The map base in the Visitor Center lobby has been partially refinished. In view of its deteriorated state, however, it may require reconstruction with new materials.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections

A new roll of slides taken by Park Naturalist Inman was added to the Park collection.

Conducted Trips

The winter schedule of conducted walks went into effect December 17. Nature walks of various lengths and durations are now being conducted daily. Bayshore walks are led four times a week, and on the other three days a naturalist accompanies the concessioner's Cape Sable Cruise, providing the narration en-route and leading a short walk at Cape Sable on arrival.
Participation in these activities was as follows:

Bayshore Walks---14 trips, 352 visitors
Nature Walks ----15 trips, 401 visitors
Cape Sable ------5 trips, 147 visitors.

The Cape Sable Cruise was cancelled December 23 because of high winds and rough seas.

On December 7 District Naturalist McKenzie narrated the Whitewater Bay Cruise for a group of dignitaries who were here for the celebration commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Park's establishment.

On December 18 District Naturalist McKenzie attemped to go to Cape Sable in a 14-foot skiff to conduct a group of students from Randolph-Macon College on a nature walk, but rough water turned him back at Marker 5.

On December 26 District Naturalist McKenzie took former Park Naturalist Saul Schiffman and his wife to Bear Lake. Mr. Schiffman is now Chief of I and RM of a group of areas in National Capitol Region.

Park Naturalist Inman edited, corrected, and retyped the interpretive narrative for the concessioner's Whitewater Bay Cruise.

Talks and Campfire Programs

In conjunction with the inauguration of the winter interpretive program, nightly programs at Flamingo went into effect December 17. A total of 5,277 visitors attended 23 programs offered during the month.

On the evening of December 25 Mrs. Doris Timpano arrived at Flamingo with a group of 130 high school students associated with the Florida Science Study Program. Though we had informed her by letter two months previously that a special program could not be provided for her group, she was told in a later letter from the Everglades Park Company that a naturalist would present programs for them December 25 and 26. In order to resolve the conflict, Park Naturalist Stevenson presented a program the first evening, then sat on a panel along with some of the teachers for a question-answer session the second night.

Self-guiding Facilities

On December 2 Park Naturalist Inman removed a vandalized lift box from the Mangrove Trail, and it was forwarded to Headquarters for repair.

Research and Observation

Park Naturalist Inman made a wildlife count December 2 at Coot Bay and Mrazek Ponds, Snake Bight, and West Lake.

District Naturalist Neusinger reported the observation of a crocodile in West Lake December 7, but Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman were unable to find it that afternoon. They were able to observe it at a distance on the afternoon on December 10.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman attended the annual employee's training session at Park Headquarters December 1. Both of them also participated in the interpretive training session at Park Headquarters December 11-13.

Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson entered on duty at Flamingo December 18.

On December 20 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Stevenson went to Park Headquarters to select slides for use in evening programs. McKenzie returned to Headquarters a week later for the same purpose.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs

On December 4 Altec Representative Bob Haskins visited Flamingo to install the sound system at the outdoor amphitheater, to put the Carousel automatic projection unit into operation, and to install a new message repeater in the Florida Bay diorama. Only the latter project was accomplished. It was found that the amplification equipment ordered for the amphitheater did not meet the requirements of the facility, and it was returned to the supplier for exchange. The projection unit was not put into operation until December 25.

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iscellaneous

n December 7 District Naturalist McKenzie serviced the fire hydrants in the lamingo area, a familiarization assignment for all fire brigade members.

Leonard McKenzie

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: CHIEF NATURALIST DATE: JAN. 11, 1968

M : GULF COAST DISTRICT NATURALIST

JECT: DECEMBER 1967 MONTHLY NARRATIVE

GENERAL:
The station recorded a total of 1.51 inches or rain, this brought the yearly total to 45.52 inches. This is 8.40 inches below the normal yearly average total.

The highest temperature recorded during the month was 86° (Dec 15th) and the lowest recorded was 38°, which was recorded on the 24th of December. Average high temperature was 77.8°, while the average low temperature recorded was 54.7°.

VISITOR INFORMATION:
A total of 3517 visitors entered the district building during the month. Of that total number 1623 were contacted by uniformed personnel.

CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES:
A total of ten conducted trips were made, a total of 184 visitors were taken on the "Ten Thousand Islands" trip. This total is three more than the scheduled number. These extra trips were to aid the concessionier employee in learning the type of interpretation we wish to present.

TALKS AND PROGRAMS:
A total of six evening programs were given. A total of 105 visitors attended these presentations.

INTERPRETATION AND PLANNING:
The Shark Valley Exhibit Plan and Booklet remained the primary interest. The exhibit plan and text have been finalized, while the booklet text is still being revised.
The proposed loop on Sandfly Island has been explored by the District Naturalist with the aid of Ranger Walton. No definite layout has been established.

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JAN 11, 1968

DECEMBER 1967, MONTHLY NARRATIVE.

Ranger Walton and the District Naturalist also investigated the Turner River Mounds area. No definite plan for that trail has been formulated either.

CONCESSIONIER ACTIVITIES:
The concessionier had 92 trips and carried a total of 1170 visitors.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS:
Continued observations of increasing birdlife, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:
Still have not received the traps for the Kingston Key study.
Still need a typewriter.

INTERPRETATION AND PLANNING ADDED:
The Booklet box has been installed at Shark Valley and the booklets are being used by the visitors.

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Memorandum

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: January 15, 1968

M : Glades District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Report

General

Weather - The weather for December was mostly warm and dry. Very little rainfall occurred and the water level along the Anhinga Trail dropped from 2.2 feet at the 1st to 1.9 feet by the end of the month.

Travel - Travel for the month of December showed a steady increase from the first until the 27th when the peak of visitation was reached. Over 2,000 people were contacted at the Visitor Center on the 27th. A total of 21,624 people stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center during the month, and 24,937 stopped in at the Royal Palm Station.

Visitors - The Park was visited by Congressman and Mrs. Claude Pepper and Senator and Mrs. Spessard Holland.

Special Activities - District personnel attended the Administrative Training Session at Headquarters on December 1, 1967.

District personnel met at Park Headquarters on December 7 for a special talk by Director Hartzog.

All naturalist personnel, seasonal and permanent, attended the 3 day Interpretive Training Course offered at Park Headquarters on December 11, 12 and 13, 1967.

Personnel - Seasonal Park Naturalists Motherspaugh, Hounsell and Sam Mendlen entered on duty on December 10, 1967. Seasonal Naturalist Mendlen went on sick leave on December 20, 1967, and remained on leave for the remainder of the month.

Casey Jones began work at Royal Palm on December 9 employed for 4 hours on Saturday and 4 hours on Sunday by the Natural History Association to maintain the concession operation.

Interpretive Activities

On December 2nd a special walk was given to 55 students from Palmetto Junior High on the Anhinga Trail and Gumbo Limbo Trail.

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A special walk was provided a group of visiting Japanese Meteorologists on the afternoon of December 2.

On December 6 a group of personnel from WASO were in the Park for the 20th Anniversary Celebration. They toured the Parachute Key Visitor Center and the Royal Palm area.

On December 9 a special walk was given at Royal Palm to 76 students from Palmetto Junior High. On the 16th another group of 65 students from Palmetto were also given a special walk in the area.

On December 17 the winter Interpretive program went into effect. With new guided walks scheduled daily, walks on the Anhinga Trail were discontinued. Evening programs at Long Pine Key also began at that time.

The Night Prowl on the Anhinga Trail on Tuesday and Thursday nights proved to be the most popular guided walk during the month. The 4 walks averaged 40 people per walk even with the sign up sheet.

On December 17 a special walk on the Anhinga Trail was given for 34 college biology students from Randolf Macon College, Virginia.

Research and Observations

As the water level dropped in the Anhinga Trail area more and more alligators returned to the Slough and pond. The increase in birdlife around the Anhinga Trail was also considerable. Otter, usually a single animal, were seen quite frequently in the morning along the Anhinga Trail. Sand Hill Cranes were heard south of the Royal Palm station in the Slough. Limpkins, Wood Ibis, and White Ibis were seen frequently feeding in the Royal Palm area.

As of the end of December, the Great White Heron with only one wing had not been seen in the Anhinga Trail area for about 1 week.

Cooperating Associations

On December 6 the Natural History Association received 10,000 copies of the Park Story. All naturalist personnel cooperated in storing these books.

William G. Truesdell

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Superintendent February 21, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - January 1968

General

Visitors: Senator and Mrs. Spessard Holland were in the Park during the month. Mr. Freeman Tilden, NPS Consultant, arrived at Flamingo January 20 for a visit of several weeks. Commander and Mrs. Pemberton were in the Flamingo area and Park Naturalist Inman accompanied them on a tour of the area. The Interpretive Planning Team, consisting of Messrs. Carl Degan, Marc Sagan, Al Swift, and Don Robinson, were in the Park and Fort Jefferson for several days. Assistant Director Everhart joined the team at Flamingo on January 26. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, former warden at the old Royal Palm State Park visited the Royal Palm area and were escorted by Park Guide Maude Harriott.

Personnel: On January 5, 1968, Robert F. Furlong, III entered on duty as Seasonal Park Naturalist to fill in for Sam Mendlen who has been on extended sick leave.

Interpretive Activities

Parachute Key Visitor Center-Royal Palm: During the month 16,911 visitors stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center. This was an increase of 14.4% over January 1967. Visitors to Royal Palm decreased 11% from January 1967. In January 1967, 37,222 people stopped at Royal Palm whereas in January 1968, only 32,977 people visited the area.

During the month 7 special walks for 181 people were given from the Royal Palm area. Three were Night Prowls which has continued as being most popular to the Park visitor. A special walk was given to 48 cub scouts from Miami Springs.

Flamingo: Attendance on conducted walks was as follows: Bayshore walk, 18 trips, 270 visitors; nature walk, 31 trips, 545 visitors and Cape Sable walk, 10 trips, 284 visitors. An estimated 17,953 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month and 599 were personally contacted. A total of 6,006 visitors attended the 31 campfire programs given during the month.

A new bird exhibit was installed at Coot Bay Pond January 19. The vandalized lift box on the Mangrove Trail was repaired and replaced.

Superintendent February 15, 1940

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - January 1940

General

Visitors: Number was 84. Spanish Medical corps in the Park during the month. Dr. Prosper Tilden, USN Commdt., arrived at Flamingo January 22 for a visit of several weeks. Commander and Mrs. Prosper were in the Flamingo area and Park Naturalist Howe accompanied them on a tour of the area. The Interpretive Planning Team, consisting of Messrs. Carl Hoppe, Boris Lopez, Al Wolff, and Tom Robinson, were in the Park and Park Naturalist for several days. Lieutenant Silvestri travelled inland the road at Flamingo on January 19. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson, January resident at the old Royal Palm Hotel visited the Royal Palm area and were escorted by Park Guide Maude Beatrice.

Personnel: On January 3, 1940, Robert V. Darling, ECW carpenter on detail as Seasonal Park Naturalist to fill in for Don Tomblin who has been suspended with leave.

Interpretive Activities

Royal Palm Visitor Center-Museum Unit: During the month 18,811 visitors stopped at the Royalton Key Visitor Center. This was an increase of 14.4% over January 1939. Visitors to Royal Palm during January 1940. In January 1939, 31,333 people stopped at Royal Palm Museum. Of these, only 22,477 people visited the area.

During the month 7 special walks for 171 people were given from the Royal Palm area. These walks [illegible] were sponsored as being most popular in the Park vicinity. [illegible] were given to 52 Camp Smoke Tree Motor Lodge.

Flamingo: Attendance by conducted talks was as follows: Bryceana walk, 11 trips, 121 visitors; nature walk, 11 trips, 342 visitors and Cape Sable walk, 13 trips, 154 visitors. No accounting 17,752 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month and 327 were personally contacted. A total of 4,004 visitors attended the 11 campfire programs given during the month.

A new Delco exhibit was installed at Coot Bay Pond January 19. The weatherized life box on the Snapdrive Trail was repaired and replaced.

Ranger Trainee Woody was assigned to the Division for two weeks beginning January 24. He audited activities January 24 and 27, then led the Bear Lake Walk January 28 and the Bayshore Walk and the Bear Lake Walk January 31.

The amplification system was installed at the amphitheater and flood lights were installed on a post placed at the rear of the amphitheater.

New slides were placed in the rookery exhibit projection cabinet.

Everglades (City): A total of 3,955 persons visited the District Office and of that number 1,611 persons were contacted by uniformed personnel.

The conducted walk on Kingston Key was accomplished eleven times and a total of 132 persons took the tour and walk. Evening programs were presented thirteen times to a total of 312 persons. The film "The Bald Eagle" was presented once during the month.

The concessioner had a total of 117 boat trips during the month carrying 1358 persons.

Pat H. Miller

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Danger Station Unit was assigned to the Division for two weeks beginning January 16. Its medical activities January 15 and 31, then let the Bear Lake unit January 31 and the Sapphire unit and the Bear Lake unit January 31.

The amplification system was installed at the amphitheater and floodlights were mounted on a post placed at the rear of the amphitheater.

Two slides were placed in the roadway exhibit preparation cabinet.

Philadelphia (City): A total of 3,935 persons visited the district office and of that number 1,421 persons were contacted by uniformed personnel.

The conducted walk on Lafayette Key Pas interpolated eleven trips and a total of 132 persons took the trip and walk. Evening programs were presented thirteen times to a total of 313 persons. The film "The Gold Badge" was presented once during the month.

The concessioner had a total of 117 boat trips during the month carrying 1318 persons.

Per G. Miller

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Everglades National Park
February 12, 1968

REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for January, 1968

General
Visitation to Flamingo increased 37% during January. However, the total number of visitors contacted decreased 2%. The primary reason for this is that visitation to Mahogany Hammock is no longer recorded in this district.

We experienced a cold snap that brought the temperature down to 40° and lasted about a week. Frequent power failures during this period caused considerable inconvenience and discomfort. It was also quite rainy for this winter month.

Visitor Information a nd Orientation Stations
An estimated 17,953 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month. A total of 599 were personally contacted.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections
Park Naturalists Inman and Stevenson planted the "garden" in the Visitor Center lobby with mangroves and prairie succulents. However, even with daily watering they have not thrived and we are thinking of other used for that space.

Wayside Exhibits and Interpretive Signs
A new bird exhibit was installed at Coot Bay Pond Ja nuary 19.

The vandalized lift box on the Mangrove Trail was repaired and replaced.

Conducted Trips
Attendance on conducted walks was as follows:
Bayshore Walk - 18 trips, 270 visitors
Nature Walk - 31 trips, 545 visitors
Cape Sable Walk - 10 trips, 284 visitors

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Stevenson went to Cape Sable January 5 to explore possible trail routes for interpretation of that a rea.

Park Naturalist Stevenson cleared a trail to Christian Point January 16.

The Cape Sable Cruise wa s cancelled twice because of adverse weather conditions or low tide and once because the boat was pre-empted by a special group.

Mr. Don Robinson, Regional Naturalist, SERO, came to Flamingo January 22 with Chief Naturalist Miller and audited Park Naturalist Stevenson's Exploratory Walk.

Talks and Campfire Programs

A total of 6,006 visitors attended the 31 campfire programs given during the month.

A fire pit was dug on the west side of the screen in the amphitheater January 11 and lined with chunks of limestone to make it obvious to people walking in that area. We tried to burn old buttonwood salvaged from the "garden" in the Visitor Center lobby when it was cleaned out in December, but it would not burn. Some old lumber from the Mangrove Trail was then rescued from the dump and cut up for use at evening programs. The first program with a fire was January 12.

On Janua ry 29 many campers became unhappy when overflow camping in the Park was abolished in accordance with the new Washington directive. This new policy was announced at each evening program that week by the naturalist in cha rge in an effort to clarify it and help the visitors understand the situation.

Interpretive Planning

The interpretive planning team, consisting of Messrs. Marc Sagan, Carl Degen, Al Swift, and Don Robinson, visited Flamingo January 24 to familiarize themselves with the area and evaluate its interpretive possibilities. Chief Naturalist Miller and District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied them to Snake Bight via the Rowdy Bend Road and out on the coastal prairie over the old Cape Sable Road to Florida Bay about seven miles west of Flamingo. Assistant Director Everhart joined the team when it returned to Flamingo January 26.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

District Naturalist McKenzie attended meetings at Hea dquarters January 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Park Naturalist Inman attended the interpretive planning meeting January 10 and the general meeting January 31.

Ranger Trainee Woody was assigned to the Division for two weeks beginning Janua ry 24. He audited activities January 24 through 27, then led the Bear Lake Walk January 28 and the Bayshore Walk and the Bear Lake Walk January 31.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs

The amplification system was installed at the amphitheater January 11 and 12. A loud hum developed a few days later, but a slight modification in the system eliminated it. Flood lights were installed on a post placed at the rear of the amphitheater January 25.

New slides were placed in the rookery exhibit projection cabinet January 14.

Special Events

Senator Holland and his wife were here the first week of January, and Park Naturalist Stevenson accompanied them on a birding trip January 3. On January 6 Park Naturalist Inman accompanied Commander Pemberton and his wife on a tour of the area.

Mr. Freeman Tilden, NPS consultant, arrived at Flamingo January 30 for a visit of several weeks.

Miscellaneous Activities

District Naturalist McKenzie cited a speeder January 17 and took the case to the U. S. Commissioner January 22. The defendant phoned in and pled guilty.

A conservation-minded visitor wrote out a complaint for Park Naturalist Inman which, along with the visitor's appearance before the U. S. Commissioner, led to the conviction of an EPC employee January 22 for continuing to feed alligators on the Tram Trip after repeated warnings from Park Rangers.

Several low-flying military planes, as well as sonic booms, have been reported over the Flamingo area this month.

Leonard McKenzie

Leonard McKenzie

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Memorandum

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: CHIEF NATURALIST DATE: January 5, 1968

: GULF COAST DISTRICT NATURALIST

T: MONTHLY NARRATIVE, JANUARY, 1968.

GENERAL:
A total of 1.65 inches of rainfall was recorded during the month. The high temperature recorded was 84° on January 3rd. The low temperature was 33°, recored on the 26th of January. The month was cool, dry and windy.

VISITOR INFORMATION:
The total of 3955 persons visited the district office during the month of January. Of that number, 1611 persons were contacted by uniformed personnel.

CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES:
The conducted walk on Kingston Key was accomplished eleven times, and a total of 132 visitors took the tour and walk. This is an average of 12 persons per walk.

TALKS AND PROGRAMS:
Evening programs were presented thirteen times to a total of 312 persons, this averages 24 persons per program. One film program was presented during the month, the film shown was "The Blad Eagle". The Film "Everglades: Gateway to the Water Wilderness" was loaned to the Everglades Lion's Club.

INTERPRETATION AND PLANNING:
The proposed loop for Sandfly Island is still not complete, the necessity of crossing the mongrove areas is the problem. We are attempting to find a route which will make crossing the mangrove necessary not more than twice.

The Turner River Mounds area has been explored for a possible trail; however, I believe it will be better to await the result of the "dig" before planning the actual trail.

The loop of the Kingston Key trail is marked out and the clearing will begin as soon as I can get a chainsaw from maintenance.

Ranger Walton and I spent one day in the Gopher Key area

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looking around the island mounds. These are indeed the most interesting of the mounds I have seen in the area, but it would be almost impossible to open them to visitation due to the location. The natural surrounding would suffer great damage in the opening of the area.

CONCESSION ACTIVITIES:
The concessionier had a total of 117 boat trips during the month. He carried a total of 1358 persons. The Sandfly Island Trip was taken only once. This was during the afternoon of extremely high wind when the "Ten Thousand Island" trip was impossible. A secon d captain has been hired and the complete schedule should begin as soon as the fellow gets his license.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS:
Several sightings of sea turtles have been reported(visitors and personnel) The Osprey nests are very active, and many have young which can be observed from passing boats. No Avian cholera has been observed in the district as yet, one suspected bird is being kept in the freezer.

Surf Scoters ?

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: February 15, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

T: Monthly narrative report - Glades District - January 1968

General

Weather: The weather for the month of January was dry and on several days cool. The water gauge along the Anhinga Trail dropped from 1.9' at the first of the month to 1.4' on the 30th.

Travel: During the month 16,911 visitors stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center. During January 1967 14,779 people stopped at the Visitor Center. This indicates an increase of 14.4%. However, visitors to Royal Palm decreased 11% from January 1967. January 1967, 37,222 people stopped at Royal Palm whereas during January 1968 only 32,977 people visited the area.

Visitors: Senator and Mrs. Spessard Holland were in the Park.

Administration

Personnel: On January 5, 1968, Robert F. Furlong III entered on duty as Seasonal Park Naturalist to fill in for Sam Mendlen who after using up all of his Sick Leave and Annual Leave is now on Leave without Pay dur to a recent illness.

Special Activities: On January 5 Seasonal Naturalist Furlong spent the day on on-the-job--training at Royal Palm and the 6th at the Headquarters Visitor Center and on January 7 was given a show-me tour of the Shark Valley area.

On January 12 Park Guide Maude Harriott escorted Mr. and Mrs. Patterson around the Royal Palm area. Mr. Patterson was a former warden at the old Royal Palm State Park.

On January 12 Seasonal Park Naturalist Hounsell escorted 6 students and professor from the College of the Nazarene of New York around the Anhinga Trail.

During the month 7 special walks were given from the Royal Palm area. Three of these were Night prowls on the Anhinga Trail.

On January 21 a special walk was given to 48 cub scouts from Miami Springs. Seasonal Naturalist Givens took the group around the Anhinga Trail and then because it was such a well behaved group, also around the Gumbo Limbo Trail.

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Research and Observations: On January 4th a female raccoon and 4 young were seen near the Anhinga Trail on the road to Pine Island. On January 17th an otter was seen near the spur of the Anhinga Trail.

As the water continued to drop during the month, there was a noticeable increase in the alligator population. On one occassion 46 alligators were observed by Seasonal Naturalist Motherspaugh on one trip along the Anhinga Trail.

Dropping water at Royal Palm necessitated the stopping of the flow of water under the bridge to the south side of the road along the Anhinga Trail. This caused the small pool of water below the bridge to drop causing several fish to die. The majority of the dying fish were bream, probably less than 20. Naturalists scooped approximately 200 fish out of the drying pool and placed them in deeper water. Rain the following day brought the water up again.

Interpretive Activities: After a brief orientation period Naturalist Furlong was put to work in place of Sam Mendlen. During January he spent most of his time at Royal Palm and gave one evening program a week on the Defiant Land. As he becomes more familiar with the area he will be assigned more programs.

The District Naturalist has been attending many of the Evening Programs and believes the programs have improved greatly over the 1967 season due to mainly the use of more visual aids.

Of the new walks tried during this season, the Night Prowls still are the most popular. We have also been getting good response to the early morning bird walks. Naturalist Zimmer feels, however, that the Pine Glade Lake walk lacks something; that perhaps a more suitable place might be found. She feels that the area where she has been taking the Exploratory Walk has much more potential. This is down the fire road just off the Missile Base Road. Park Guide Harriott has been leading an Exploratory Walk from Pine Island to the Taylor Slough by way of the old road.

William G. Truesdell
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District Park Naturalist

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: March 7, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report - Glades District, February 1968

General

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Superintendent March 18, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, February 1968

General

Visitors - Dr. James G. Nuckolls, M.D., Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Georgia, was in the Park February 22 - 25, 1968, to collect blood samples from employees. Approximately 46 employees from Park Headquarters participated.

Mr. Freeman Tilden, National Park Service consultant left Flamingo February 16.

Personnel - Park Ranger Richard Foster, assigned to the Everglades as a Trainee, worked in the Glades District on interpretive training, February 11 - 24, 1968.

Ranger Trainee Robert Woody completed his first two-week tour of duty in the Naturalist Division February 3. During this period he was oriented to the basic aspects of interpretation in Everglades National Park and conducted several activities including an evening program on February 1, the Bayshore Walk February 2 and the Christian Point walk February 3.

Mr. Sam Mendlen was on sick leave for the month of February.

Interpretive Activities

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Monthly Narrative Report, February 1937

Weather

Visitors - Dr. James S. Donnelly, M.D., Commonwealth Bureau Insects, Atlanta, Georgia, was in the Park February 13 - 17, 1937, to attend blood samples from employees. Approximately 45 employees from Park headquarters participated.

Mr. Truman Tilden, National Park Service Inspector, was in the Park February 15.

Personnel - Park Ranger Sidney Baxter, assigned to the Everglades as a trainee, worked in the Cades Cove District on temporary training, February 11 - 24, 1937.

Ranger Trainee Robert Hardy completed his first assignment in the Naturalist Division February 5. During this period he was oriented as the basic aspects of interpretation in Everglades National Park and conducted several activities including an evening program on February 1. The Superintendent and the Chief Park Naturalist left February 2.

Mr. Lee Moulton was at his leave for the month of February.

Interpretive Activities

Cades Cove - During the month 24,231 visitors entered the Tremont Entrance Gate. This figure is 2,717 visitors more than the same month in 1936.

On February 11 the Ranger also went to the Boys for a day of special training. Exhibit personnel took plan on several tours throughout the Park.

During the month 6 special talks were given to a total of 333 visitors at the Royal Palm Station. Nine 1 hour talks were given to a total of 421 visitors.

Mangrove District - An estimated 16,896 visitors, 949 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during February. Attendance figures for conducted walks are: Bayshore Walk, 16 trips with 360 visitors; Nature Walk, 28 trips with 780 visitors; and Cape Sable Cruise, 11 trips with 330 visitors. Visitor participation has increased in 1968. February 1967, the average walk attendance was 12.3. February 1968, the attendance was 26.7, an increase of 117%. The Cape Sable Cruise was cancelled twice due to adverse weather and on three other occasions rough seas would not permit the boat to dock at Cape Sable.

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Gulf Coast District - A total of 7,323 visitors entered the District Office during the month with a total of 2,933 contacted by uniformed personnel. A total of 332 persons were contacted by the District Naturalist.

Evening programs were presented 12 times during the month with a total of 212 visitors.

The District Naturalist accompanied the Collier County Juvenile Officer on the 8th and 9th of the month to present programs to the Junior Deputy Clubs throughout the county. Seven programs were presented with a total of 321 boys attending the programs.

The conducted walk on Kingston Key was led eleven times with a total of 344 visitors participating.

Research

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Pat H. Miller

Evergreen District — An estimated 18,200 visitors, 960 of whom were personally conducted, entered the Pleasing Visitor Center during February. Attendance figures for combined parks are: Evergreen Park, 11 trips with 1,240 visitors; Mirror Lake, 25 trips with 780 visitors; and Cape Cod Canal, 11 trips with 230 visitors. Winter participation has increased 14% since 1964. February 1967, the severe cold attendance was 11.3. February 1968, the attendance was 14.7, an increase of 11%. The Cape Cod Canal was inundated twice due to adverse weather and on three other occasions tugs were unable to permit the boat to dock at Cape Cod.

On February 1) members of the Lucky Pole 4H Tropical Gardens Committee and the Native Plant Society of Evergreen went to the Cape Cod Visitor Information Center, 2) Cape Cod Pure Varieties, Swimming Assistant Instructor Training at the Canada Pure Varieties, in Cape Cod. The second annual meeting of the Joint Committee on National Parks was held at Pleasing during the month of February.

A total of 3,955 visitors attended the 17 campfire programs and ten programs were presented due to rain.

Ranger Thornhill presented a special talk to 36 members of the Evergreen-Bay Junior Troop 364, February 13.

Cape Cod Park District — A total of 3,822 visitors entered the District during the month with a total of 2,822 escorted by motorcar personnel. A total of 332 persons were assisted by the Riverside Ranger.

Evening programs were presented 12 times during the month with a total of 112 visitors.

The District Naturalist accompanied the Cape Cod Junior Visitor on the 8th and 9th of the month to present programs to the Junior Chamber Club. Following the talks, Junior Rangers were presented with a total of 321 Cape attending the programs.

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Lakeside

The Public Beach Service came into the Park during the month and was by mosquito and small animal issue to various areas such as Pebble Bay and Treasure Beach.

Mrs R. Miller

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Memorandum

: CHIEF PARK NATURALIST

DATE: MAR. 4, 1968.

: DISTRICT NATURALIST, GULF COAST DISTRICT

ECT: MONTHLY NARRATIVE, FEBRUARY, 1968.

GENERAL:
A total of 2.94 inches of rain was recorded during the month, with the greatest amount, 1.27", falling of the 24th. The year's rainfall total is now 4.59 inches. The temperatures were below normal with the high, 79°, recorded on the first and again on the 5th. The lowest temperature was a 36°reading recored on the 9th. Small craft warnings were desplayed a total of ten days during the month.

VISITOR INFORMATION:
A total of 7323 visitors entered the district office during the month, with a total of 2933 contacted by uniformed personnel. A total of 332 persons were contacted at the S V O T during the month by the district naturalist.

CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES:
The conducted walk on Kingston Key was accomplished 11 times with a total of 34h visitors accompanying the naturalist. This is an average of 31 persons per trip.

TALKS AND PROGRAMS:
Evening programs were presented 12 times to a total of 212 visitors, this is an average of 17 per program.

The District Naturalist accompanied the Collier County Juvenile Officeron the 8th and 9th of the month to present programs to the Junior Deputy clubs throughout the county. 7 ~~Five~~ programs were presented, "Highlkghts of the Everglades" was shown and a question and answer period followed. A total of ~~256~~ 321 boys attended the programs.

INTERPRETATION AND PLANNING:
The layout for the Sandfly Island loop is being explored but no definite trail has been set as yet. The exact number of times we must cross the mangroves is still questionable.

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GULF COAST DISTRICT MONTHLY NARRATIVE, FEB. 1968.

INTERPRETATION AND PLANNING: con't

The finishing touches are being accomplished on the Kingston Key trail.

CONCESSIONIER ACTIVITIES:
Sammy Hamilton now has two licensed "captains" plus himself to operate the boat tours; however, the Sandfly Island trip was run only once when the weather was too bad for the Manatee to reach the Kingston Key area for that trip.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS:
On Feb 27th a single Swallow-tail Kite was seen at the district office, the first of the season.

Several large sea turtles have been seen in the area during the month.

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Superintendent April 18, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - March, 1968

General

Personnel: Park Guide Maude C. Harriott was selected for the Park Guide Training Course at Harpers Ferry and left on the 31st. Park Naturalist Mary Inman went to Mather Center, Harpers Ferry March 3 to March 16 for an interpretive writing course.

Ranger-Trainee Richard Foster was assigned to the Flamingo Naturalist Division effective 3/25. On March 20 Ranger-Trainee Bob Woody received orientation in Naturalist administrative and operational duties.

Interpretive Activities

Glades District: Visitor use was heavy during March but showed a noticeable decline toward the end of the month. Attendance at the evening programs fell considerably. The Parachute Key Visitor Center was visited by 21,031 people and Royal Palm by 42,626 people. This figure represents a decrease of 4.4% compared with March, 1967.

10 special walks were given during the month at Royal Palm. These include the Soil Conservation Service, Tropical Audubon Society, Southern Mission College ornithology class, Tennessee, and Western Greyhoud tour group. The rest of the tours were given to local school classes. A total of 493 people were taken on special walks and 8 special talks were given with 585 visitors contacted.

On March 16 a special exhibit on Everglades National Park was set up at Camp Owaissa Bauer for the annual Florida Campers Association Exhibition. The Ranger Aids attended the one day fair on the 17th answering questions about the Park and giving out literature.

Two off-site programs were given by District personnel, one to the North Andrews Garden Elementary School PTA meeting in Fort Lauderdale and another at the Hialeah Methodist Church.

Two primitive auto trails in the Long Pine Key area were constructed from existing fire roads. These roads are a five mile loop starting at the Long Pine Key Campground and ending on the main Park road near the Pinelands Trail, and a 3.5 mile loop starting at the Pine Glade Lake Road and ending at the same site as the other road.

Superintendent April 15, 1962

Coral Pure Waterfront

Monthly Narrative Report - March, 1962

General

Personnel: Miss Doris Woods of Merritt was selected for the Park Clerk Training Course at Harpers Ferry and left us the 31st. Park Naturalist Mary Ewen went to Harbor Center, Harpers Ferry March 3 to March 16 for on-the-job-training course.

Harper-Tipton Mineral Permit was assigned to the Planning Network Division effective 3/23. Mr Harold H Harper-Tipton has hereby received extension in Naturalist administrative and operational duties.

Interpretive Activities

Visitor Service: Visitor use was heavy during March and showed a substantial decline toward the end of the month. Attendance at the evening programs fell considerably. The Presidents Day Visitor Center was visited by 11,431 people and Mount Tula by 61,415 people. This figure represents a decrease of 6,415 compared with March, 1961.

11 special walks were given during the month at Royal Palm. These include the Last Conservation Service, Tropical Hardwood Society, Southern Missions College ornithology class, Toastmaster, and Interior Department tour group. The rest of the tours were given to local school classes. A total of 413 people were taken on special walks and 7 special talks were given with 111 visitors contacted.

On March 18 a special exhibit on Everglades National Park was set up at Camp Ovaltine Resort for the annual Florida Camping Instructors Institution. The Ranger like attended the one day fair on the 19th answering questions about the Park and giving out literature.

The activity program were given by District personnel, one to the Ruth Jackson Garden Elementary School PTA meeting in Port Lauderdale and another at the Hialeah Methodist Church.

The petunias were crazily in the Long Pine Key area were constructed from existing fire roads. These roads are a five mile loop starting at the Long Pine Key Campground and ending on the main Park road west the Pinelands Trail. and a 2.5 mile loop starting at the Pine Glade Lake Road and ending at the same site as the other road.

Mangrove District: Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson completed two area maps for display at the information desk in the lobby.

Attendance figures for conducted trips are

Bayshore Walk	18 trips, 367 visitors
Nature Walks	30 trips, 606 visitors
Cape Sable Cruise	11 trips, 301 visitors

A total of 5,395 visitors attended the 31 campfire circle programs during the month.

Dr. John Griffin, Chief S.E. Archeological Center and Mr. Zorro Bradley, Assistant Archeologist, WASO, were at Flamingo to make preliminary plans for the Bear Lake Mounds excavation. They were accompanied by District Naturalist McKenzie on March 4 for an on-site survey. Dr. Griffin returned March 31 to begin excavation on the Mound the following day.

Gulf Coast District: A total of 8,073 visitors entered the District Office building during the month. A total of 3,051 persons were contacted by the uniformed staff during the month. 545 visitors were contacted at Shark Valley and this brings the total visitor contacts in the District to 3,596. This month was by far the heaviest visitor use month of the current season. These figures represent an increase of 10% over February of this year.

The Naturalist conducted Kingstone Key walk was accomplished a total of 11 times with a total of 205 visitors participating.

Evening programs were presented 13 times to a total of 263 visitors.

Pat H. Miller

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Overseas Flights: Seasonal Naturalist Excursions conducted two area tours for
display at the Information Desk in the lobby.

Attendance Figures for conducted trips are

Bryceboro Walk	12 trips, 387 visitors
Bryceboro Trails	31 trips, 820 visitors
Cape Cobia Cruise	15 trips, 301 visitors

A total of 3,193 visitors attended the 31 campfire circle programs during
the month.

Dr. John Griffin, Chief U.S. Ornithological Center and Mr. Corey Bentley,
Assistant Publicity, CCOC, were at Flintlop on media publicity plans
for the East Lake Woods restoration. They were accompanied by Theatre
Personnel Technicia on Duty a Tor on c-media survey. Dr. Griffin
returned Monis it to begin excursions on the Grand Isle Flintlop day.

Out Door Theatre: A total of 2,317 visitors attended the Bicentennial
Outing building during the month. A total of 3,630 persons were contacted
by the uniformed staff during the month. 341 visitors were contacted on
Beach Walks and this brings the total visitor contacts in the District to
3,398. This work was by far the heaviest visitor use month of the
period reports. These figures represent an increase of 11% over February
of this year.

The Naturalist conducted Flintlop Day visit was accomplished a total of 31
times with a total of 305 visitors participating.

Evening programs were presented 12 times to a total of 782 visitors.

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Memorandum April 4, 1968

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for March, 1968

General

A classical windy March began with a low temperature of 35° and by 3/20 it was up to 80°. Finally, a month without mosquitos except directly following the occasional rains. Many bird-feeding areas are now quite dry and the bird show has diminished everywhere except at Nine Mile Pond. As in February, adverse weather conditions caused cancellation of several scheduled activities. Visitation began to slack off after the third week. On 3/21 Flamingo area got electrical power from Homestead and the tired old diesels were retired.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

An estimated visitors, of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during March.

Status of Museaum Exhibits and Collections

Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson completed 2 area maps for display at the information desk in the lobby.

Conducted Trips

Attendance figures for conducted trips are as follows:

Bayshore Walk - - - 1? trips, 367 visitors
Nature Walk - - - - 30 trips, 606 "
Cape Sable Cruise - 11 " 301 "

The Cape Sable Cruise was cancelled twice during the month, because of adverse weather conditions. On 3/2 the boat did not dock as the dock was in bad condition as a result of high winds and strong tides. One half-day walk was called on account of rain: no visitors showed up.

On 3/24 Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson conducted the Tropical Audubon Society on a trip from Mahogany Hammock to Flamingo and narrated the Sunset Cruise for them that evening. On 3/25 Stevenson spent 2 hours with a group of biology students from Culver-Stockton College, Canton, Mo., and Franklin College, Franklin, Ind.

On 3/11 Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson cleared an extended portion of the route of his Exploratory Walk to eliminate walking on the highway.

Concessioners trips: The revised Tram Train narrative was returned to the Concessioner 3/6. On 3/17 Park Naturalist Inman audited the Tram trip and found the driver was not using the narrative at all and missing a lot of interpretation. A Cape Sable Cruise written narrative has been undertaken.

Talks and Campfire Programs

A total of 5395 visitors attended the 31 campfire programs during the month. A short in the amplifier at the amphitheater was corrected 3/14 by Electrician Griffin. Park Naturalist Inman audited District Natural st McKenzie's evening program 3/31

Interpretive Personnel and Training

Park Naturalist Inman went to Mather Center, Harpers Ferry, W.Va., 3/3 to 3/16 for "Interpretation: Writing Course". In her absence, Ranger-Trainee Bob Woody took the Daysmore Walks, District Naturalist McKenzie the Wed. evening programs, Seasonal Naturalist Bob Furlow the Tri. evening programs, Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson the Bear Lake Walks and Cape Sable Cruises, and Seasonal Naturalist Elaine Hounsell the Christian Point Walks.

Ranger-Trainee Richard Foster was assigned to the Flamingo Naturalist Division effective 3/25 and audited all activities the first week.

District Naturalist McKenzie went to Headquarters for meetings 3/6, 3/13, and 3/27. Park Naturalist Inman went also on 3/27 and finished a lab. assignment: marking overlays for maps of archeological sites in E.N.P.

Research and Observations

Dr. John Griffin, Chief S.E. Archeological Center, and Mr. Porro Bradley, Ass't Archeologist, WASO, were here 3/3 to 3/5 to make preliminary plans for the Bear Lake Mounds excavation. They were accompanied by District Naturalist McKenzie on 3/4 for an on-site survey. Dr. Griffin returned 3/31 to begin excavation on the Mound the following day.

On 3/13 District Naturalist McKenzie, District Ranger Stokes, and Mr. Frank Masland went to Crocodile Point for orientation purposes.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs

The automatic projection unit in the rookery exhibit, which went out of order 2/16, was back in operation 3/16.

Miscellaneous Activities

On 3/14 Mr. Masland's boat, a 17 ft. VEC with 65 HP Johnson outboard motor, was officially transferred to E.N.P.A. On 3/15 the boat was tried out by District Naturalist McKenzie, Chief Naturalist Miller, and Ass't Chief Naturalist Tillman in a run to Lostmans River, where the VEC trailer was unloaded, and also to Onion Key. On 3/20 McKenzie and Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson took the boat for orientation to Roberts and North Rivers, and on 3/31 Miller, Tillman , and Park Naturalist Inman took an orientation and operational run through Roberts and North Rivers and Lane and Bell's Bars.

Seasonal Naturalist Stevenson was bonded as a fee collector for the Golden Eagle program.

A proposal for the summer program was submitted.

Resource Observations

A dead Brown Pelican was sent to HQ on 3/5, and on 3/30 a young raccoon, a road kill, was sent for skin preparation.

A Bahama Bananaquit was observed in the Flamingo campground by a visitor 3/13, and 6 Flamingos were sighted at Snake Bight on the horizon on 3/17. On 3/29 a boating visitor reported a Green Turtle in Florida Bay.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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To: Chief Park Naturalist

Date: April 4, 1968

From: Glades District Naturalist

Subject: Monthly Report March, 1968

GENERAL

Weather

The month of March started on a very cold note, with overnight temperatures in the 30's for the 1st and 2nd. By the end of the month Spring had truly arrived and temperatures were climbing into the 80's. Rainfall in the Glades District was 4,83 in. for March which is over an inch less than normal..The water level at Royal Palm continued to drop steadily with a low level of .88 ft. at the end of the month. The water level was held up a little by the starting of a pump at Taylor Slough on the 13th however, the water level still fell.

Visitation

During the month of March visitation was heavy but showed a noticeable decline toward the end of the month. Attendance at the evening programs fell off to about half that of the first part of the month with only 60 people attending the program on the 29th. The Parachute Key Visitor Center was visited by 21,031 people and Royal Palm by 42,626 people. Compared to 44,422 people in March, 1967, this is a decrease of 4.4%.

Special Activities

During the month two off site programs were given by District personnel. On March 5th a special program was given to the North Andrews Garden Elementary School in Fort Lauderdale. This was at a PTA meeting with 200 people present. On March 20th a talk was given to 45 people at the Hialeah Methodist Church.

At Royal Palm 10 special walks were given during the month. These included the following: Western Greyhound Tour (60), Soil conservation Service group(31), Tropical Audubon tour group (40), Southern Mission College, Tenn., ornithology class (19). The rest of the tours were given to local elementary school classes. A total of 493 people were taken on special walks. A total of 8 special talks were given during the month, most of these at Royal Palm, with 585 visitors contacted.

The Ranger Aides participated in a statistical survey at Royal Palm on two weekends. Actual counts of visitors using the museum were obtained inorder to compute the number of visitors using the museum during the month.

On March 16th a special exhibit on Everglades National Park was set up at Camp Owaissa Bauer for the annual Florida Campers Association exhibition. The Ranger Aides attended the Park exhibit for the one day fair on the 17th answering questions about the Park and giving out literature.

On March 20th Park trainee Bob Woody was given orrientation in Naturalist administrative and operational duties.

On March 5th and 16th the District Naturalist accompanied the Park Biologist on the Osprey banding program in the Florida Bay.

Miscellaneous

On March 30th District employees attended the Pine Island Chickee Party in honor of new employees, Assistant Superintendent Raftery and Chief of Maintenance Stewart.

Interpretive Activities

During the month slight changes in scheduling were necessary as District personnel were assigned to Flamingo and Everglades City to assist in their Interpretive programs. Seasonal Naturalist Hounsell conducted the Coastal Prairie and Christian Point walks at Flamingo, Seasonal Naturalist Furlong gave the evening programs on Wildlife at Flamingo, and District Naturalist Truesdell gave the Thousand Islands Boat tour and guided walks on Kingston Key at Everglades City. All employees felt this was good experience.

Park Guide Maude C. Harriott was selected for the Park Guide Training Session at Harper's Ferry and left on the 31st for this session.

During the month vandals removed several signs from trails in the District and Naturalists had to replace three labels on the Mahogany Hammock Trail, one label on the Gumbo Limbo Trail and a lift box on the Pinelands Trail has been picked up by Maintenance and will be repaired and replaced.

Two Primitive Auto Trails in the Long Pine Key area were constructed from existing fire roads. These roads are a five mile loop starting at the Long Pine Key Campground road and ending on the main Park road near the Pinelands Trail, and a 3.5 mile loop starting at the Pine Glade Lake road and ending at the same site as the other road.

By the end of the month the bird show at Coot Bay and Mrazek Pond had dropped off and roving contacts by Glades personnel have been discontinued.

Research and Observations

Each day along the Anhinga Trail the bird population gets smaller and smaller. By the end of the month most of the larger wading birds had left the area and the pond birds such as the coots, gallinules and grebes were also dissappearing. Many of the birds have started their migrations north and while we're losing some species, we have had a few coming up from the south. Noteworthy are the Swallow-tail Kites seen frequently at Royal Palm and along the main Park road, the Eastern Kingbirds seen at Royal Palm during the last week and the Chuckwills widows heard in the Pine Island area nightly.

Regularly every night at Royal Palm a family of five raccoons could be seen checking the trash cans and begging for handouts.

Also at Royal Palm toward the end of the month, a family of otters were seen playing near the bridge on the old road section of the Anhinga trail.

William G. Truesdell

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Memorandum

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: GULF COAST NATURALIST DATE: April 15, 1968.

OM : DISTRICT NATURALIST, GULF COAST DISTRICT

JECT: district narrative for the month of march 1968.

GENERAL:
The weather in the district was extremely dry and windy for the entire month.

VISITOR INFORMATION:
A total of 8,073 visitors entered the district office building during the month. A total of 3,051 persons were contacted by the uniformed staff during the month, this is approximately 40% of the total visitors. A shark Valley the naturalist contacts totaled545, this brings the total visitor contacts in the district to 3,596. This month was by far our heaviest visitor use month of the current season. These figures represent an increase of 10% over February of this year.

CONDUCTED ACTIVITIES:
The Naturalist conducted Kingston Key walk was accomplished a total of 11 times, with a total of 205 visitors participating. This averages out a 19 visitors per trip. This is a decrease from the month of February;;however, this is due to a decrease in the number of organizations which came to the district during the month.

TALKS AND PROGRAMS:
Evening programs were presented 13 times to a total of 263 visitors. The average attendance was 20 persons, this is an increase over the month of February.

INTERPRETATION AND INTERPRETIVE PLANNING:
The Snadfly Island loop is ready for final approval.

CONCESSIONIER ACTIVITES:
The concessionier completed 183 trips, carrying a total of 2,647 visitors. The Sandfly Island trip was accomplished three times and these were on days when the "Ten Thousand Islands" trip was not possible due to adverse weather conditions.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATIONS:
The Chokoloskee Bird Rookery is beginning to show signs of formation.

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Superintendent May 15, 1968

Acting Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - April, 1968

General

Personnel: Park Guide Maude Harriott attended the Park Guide Training Course at Harpers Ferry between April 1 and 14.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Robert Furlong terminated COB April 13 and was reemployed by the Archeological Study Team digging at Bear Lake.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Elaine Hounsell was transferred from a Naturalist to a Teller at the Entrance Station April 13, 1968.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Kelly Motherspaugh terminated COB April 15.

Seasonal Park Naturalist George Stevenson terminated COB April 12.

Park Naturalist Mary Inman was on annual leave from April 17 through the end of the month.

Ranger Trainee Richard Foster continued his interpretive training during the first two weeks in April. During this period he conducted three Bayshore Walks, two Christian Point nature walks, and one Bear Lake nature walk; presented four evening programs; and audited several activities.

Park Naturalist Gale Zimmer was on annual leave for two weeks in April.

Mr. Pat Miller was at Fort Jefferson from May 8 - 12.

Cynthia McHugh received a seasonal appointment as Museum Aid GS-2 and started work in this capacity during the month.

Visitors: On April 12 the Park was visited by Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Foosner and family and were shown the snail and butterfly collections.

On April 12 Park Naturalist Stevenson escorted Representative Yates of Illinois on a tour of the Flamingo area, including Bear Lake and Snake Bight.

On April 20 Messers. Livingston, Garden Editor of the Tampa Tribune, and York of WLVA-TV in Tampa were shown the slide collection by District Naturalist Truesdell. Earlier in the day District Naturalist McKenzie and

Superintendent's Office

May 15, 1964

Acting Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - April 1964

General

Personnel: Park Guide Maude Hartnett attended the Park Guide Training Course at Harpers Ferry between April 1 and 14.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Robert Twelong terminated CTA April 13 and was replaced by the Archeological Study Team digging at Bear Lake.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Elaine Bowsell was transferred from a Naturalist to a Teller at the Entrance Station April 15, 1964.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Kelly Beloreyeagh terminated CTA April 15.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Gordon Stevenson terminated CTA April 30.

Park Naturalist Mary Jones was on annual leave from April 17 through the end of the month.

Ranger Trainee Richard Foster continued his interpretive training during the first two weeks in April. During this period he conducted three Exploreville, two Cherokee Point nature walks, and one Bear Lake nature walk; presented four evening programs and audited several activities.

Park Naturalist Dale Zimmer was on annual leave for two weeks in April.

Mr. Jim Miller was at Fort Jefferson from May 8 - 11.

Cynthia Bullock received a seasonal appointment as Museum Aid GS-4 and started work in this capacity during the month.

Visitors: On April 11 the Park was visited by Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Fowler and family and were shown the small and botanically collections.

On April 12 Park Naturalist Stevenson conducted Representatives Jones of Illinois on a tour of the Fishing area, including Bear Lake and Tundra Ridge.

On April 28 Messers. Livingstone, Cartoon Editor of the Daily Tribune, and Mark of KLRA-TV in Tyree were shown the slide collection by Curator Naturalist Trumbull. Earlier in the day District Naturalist Mathews and

Ranger Stokes had escorted them down the Bear Lake Road to photograph a number of native plants, particularly manchineel, for a planned local television feature on the plants of South Florida.

On April 23 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Sternwise, a New York artist who has been commissioned by the National Park Service to do a painting of Everglades, on a boat trip through the mangrove country.

On April 30 Florida's Governor Kirk toured the Park looking at the drought conditions.

Interpretive Activities

Glades District: The winter program ended on April 13, 1968. On April 14 began daily walks at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Royal Palm. April also brought many school groups to the Park for visits.

Special walks were given to 626 visitors at Royal Palm during the month. During the month 40,547 visitors stopped at Royal Palm. This figure represents a 40% increase over last year's visitation during April. The whole Park has only had a 16% increase. 19,169 visitors stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center during April.

Due to the pumping of water in the Royal Palm area during the whole month the water level remained about .80 feet, and no fish kills occurred in that area. Many other areas were not so fortunate as water levels dropped to about 4 or 5 inches below the surface by the end of the month.

District Naturalist Truesdell gave a special off-site talk to 280 7th grade students at Redland Jr. High on April 22.

Mangrove District: An estimated 14,328 people visited the Flamingo Visitor Center during April. A total of 339 visitors were personally contacted at this facility.

The museum was repainted early in the month. The dreary walls, one of which was a dark blue-green received a coat of light blue paint, brightening the exhibit room considerably.

Park Naturalist Inman cleaned several exhibit panels in the museum April 6. Two new maps, an FCD water control map and an attractive pictorial map of Florida produced by the Florida Power and Light Company, and a spring schedule of naturalist activities were placed under glass on the small table in the Visitor Center lobby.

Attendance figures for conducted trips are as follows: Bayshore Walks - 12 walks, 229 visitors; Nature Walks - 13 walks, 156 visitors; and Cape Sable Cruises - 5 trips, 159 visitors.

Badger Ramona had escorted them down the Deer Lake Road to photograph a number of native plants, particularly woodbinsel, for a planned local interpretive feature on the plants of South Florida.

On April 23 District Naturalist Richards escorted Mr. Hutchens, a New York artist who had been commissioned by the Universal Fish Service Co. to do a painting of Everglades, on a boat trip through the mangrove country.

On April 30 Florida & Governor Kirk toured the Park looking at the drought conditions.

Interpretive Activities

Glades Nature Trail: The visitor program ended on April 13, 1968. The April 14 report duly notes it: 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. as Royal Palm. April also brought only about ninety to the Park for visits.

Special talks were given to 616 visitors at Royal Palm during the month. During the month 64,344 visitors registered at Royal Palm. This figure represents a 44% increase over last year's visitation during April. The Hobia Park has only had a 16% increase. 13,364 visitors stopped at the Paradise Key Visitor Center during April.

Due to the pumping of water in the Royal Palm area during the whole month the water level remained about .30 feet, and no fish kills occurred in that area. Many observers were out to determine as water levels dropped to about 4 or 5 inches below the surface by the end of the month.

Florida Naturalist Training gave a special all-day talk in the 10:00-11:00 grade students at Redland Jr. High on April 11.

Preserve Activity: We estimated 19,318 people visited the Flamingo Visitor Center during April. A total of 319 visitors were personally contacted at this facility.

The museum was regained early in the month. The display wall, one of which was a dark blue-green received a coat of light blue paint, brightening the exhibit room considerably.

Park Naturalist Dawes planned several exhibit panels in the museum April 8. One was also, an FCC water control map and an attractive pictorial map of Florida produced by the Florida Power and Light Company, and a spring exhibit of carnivorous australian were placed under glass on the small table in the Visitor Center lobby.

Attendance figures for weekend trips are as follows: Anhinga Trail - 12 walks, 218 visitors; Mahogany Hammock - 13 walks, 136 visitors; Gumbo Limbo Trail - 5 trips, 137 visitors.

A total of 2,218 visitors attended 19 campfire programs offered during the month. Nightly programs were presented until the winter interpretive program ended April 13, but were scheduled only irregularly during the latter half of the month.

Special Activities: The National Wildlife Federation's Eastern Safari to Everglades arrived at Flamingo on the evening of April 16 and remained until the morning of the 20th. On April 17 District Naturalist McKenzie narrated their bus tour of the Park road, led a walk at Mahogany Hammock and made brief presentations at Nine Mile Pond and Pa-hay-okee. Superintendent Allin addressed the group at the Parachute Key Visitor Center and District Naturalist Truesdell conducted them on a tour of the Anhinga Trail. Two days later McKenzie accompanied them on a trip to Cape Sable for a short nature walk. District Naturalist Neusaenger accompanied the group around Shark Valley Loop Road and Everglades (City) where they took a concessioner-operated Ten Thousand Islands boat trip.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: May 5, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Report, April, 1968

General

Weather: The month of April was dry. Water levels throughout the District continued to drop. With three pumps running at the Royal Palm Station, the water level remained about the same. At the canal the water level at the gauge read .88' on the first and .82' on the 30th. Along the spur of the Anhinga Trail the water dropped below the surface however.

Travel: Park visitation held steady during the first three weeks of April due to Spring vacations. The last week and a half showed a noticeable decline in visitation. During the month 40,547 visitors stopped at the Royal Palm Station. This figure represents a 40% increase over last year's visitation during April. The whole Park has only had a 16% increase; 19,169 visitors stopped at the Parachute Key Visitor Center during April, 1968.

Special Activities: Park Guide Maude Harriott attended the Park Guide Training Course at Harper's Ferry between April 1st and 14th.
The District Naturalist assisted Park Biologist Ogden banding Ospreys in Florida Bay on April 2nd.

Administration

Personnel: Seasonal Park Naturalist Furlong was terminated COB 4/13/68 at which time he was reemployed by the Archeological Study Team digging at Bear Lake.
Seasonal Park Naturalist Hounsell was transferred from a Naturalist to a Teller at the Entrance Station COB 4/13/68.
Seasonal Park Naturalist Motherspaugh was terminated COB 4/15/68.
Personnel Performance rating forms were completed on all personnel and Truesdell and Zimmer completed the new 10-180 series.
Cynthia McHugh received a seasonal appointment as Museum Aid GS-2 and started work in this capacity during the month.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use.

Research and Observations: Due to the pumping of water in the Royal Palm area during the whole month the water level remained about .80 feet, and no fish kills occurred in that area. Many other areas weren't so fortunate as water levels dropped to about 4 or 5 inches below the surface by the end of the month.

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Research and Observations (Cont.)

The tarpon in the Royal Palm pond have grown to a length of about 3½ to 4 feet. Only three have been seen lately. Earlier in the month, one 3 foot tarpon was caught by a large gator. ~~Originally,~~ Last July, there were 6 tarpon.
The bird show along the Anhinga Trail has dropped to almost nothing. Only 2 or 3 Common Gallinules remain. The last Anhinga left during the middle of the month.
April produced a good number of migratory birds, notably large numbers of common West Indies Flyway warblers as well as some transgulf migratory birds. Gumbo Limbo Trail, the Pinelands area and Mahogany Hammock were good areas for Spring migratory birds.
April turned out to be the month for hatching Pileated Woodpecker young. Three successful nests were observed. One at Royal Palm, and two in the Pine Island area. Fred Truslow, photographing from a blind, shot pictures of the young from one of the Pine Islands nests.
Short-tail Hawks have nested and at the end of the month there were eggs in the nest near the Royal Palm road.
Red-shouldered Hawks nested in Paradise Key Hammock and two young left the nest during the month.
An early morning count of alligators around the Anhinga Trail netted 42 animals, 27 of which were 4 feet and under. Large gators began establishing territories during the month, and on several mornings, two gators were observed mating in the pond at Royal Palm.
Soft-shell Turtles litterally riddled the bank around the pond with nest holes, however, most of the eggs have been dug up and eaten by raccoons.

Interpretive Activities: The winter visitor program ended on April 13, 1968. On April 14th we began daily walks at 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. at Royal Palm. April also brought many school groups to the Park for visits. Special walks were given to 626 visitors at Royal Palm during the month. Noteworthy among these groups was the National Wildlife Federation tour. Also on April 30th Florida's Governor Kirk toured the Park looking at the drought conditions.
District Naturalist Truesdell gave a special off-site talk to 280 7th grade students at Redland Jr. High on April 22nd.

William D. Truesdell

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Everglades National Park
May 9, 1968

REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for April, 1968

General

Warm, dry, relatively calm weather prevailed throughout April, enhancing visitor pleasure but reducing water levels critically. Light rains on April 1, 10, and 11 did little to alleviate the severe drouth conditions. Feeding conditions throughout the area declined so drastically that only Nine Mile Pond was supporting a sizable wildlife concentration at month's end. The beautiful weather probably helped sustain visitation, which diminished only very slowly as the month progressed. However, horseflies, deer flies, and a myriad of other insects began to emerge in force, biting ferociously and challenging visitors and residents to enjoy themselves.

April 13 marked the end of the 1968 winter interpretive program and an apparently successful season.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

An estimated 14,328 people visited the Flamingo Visitor Center during April. A total of 339 visitors were personally contacted at this facility.

The museum was repainted early in the month. The dreary walls, one of which was a somber, dark blue-green, received a coat of cheery light blue paint, brightening the exhibit room considerably. The Park painter completed the job April 4.

The air conditioner in the museum broke down April 11. Electrician Griffen repaired it four days later.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections

A copy of Marjory Stoneman Douglas' new book, Florida-The Long Frontier, was added to the Flamingo library.

Park Naturalist Inman cleaned several exhibit panels in the museum April 6.

A number of snapshots of old Flamingo were sent to Headquarters to be organized, cataloged, and incorporated into the Park's historic photo file.

A typed interpretive label has been provided for the cluster of gray nicker seed pods displayed on the desk in the outer naturalist office.

The color photos on the exhibit panel "Hurricanes-What They Do" were replaced with identical pictures April 14. The original set had been damaged by rain during transit from Headquarters to Flamingo following its rehabilitation at Eastern Museum Lab. The replacement photos were mounted at the Lab and forwarded to the Park for installation locally.

Several preserved specimens were restored with fresh alcohol April 14.

A new laminated plastic label for the message repeater push-button was installed on the Florida Bay diorama case April 15.

Two new maps - an FCD water control map and an attractive pictorial map of Florida produced by the Florida Power and Light Company - and a spring schedule of naturalist activities were placed under glass on the small table in the Visitor Center lobby. At the same time the table top and glass were thoroughly cleaned.

Conducted Trips

Attendance figures for conducted trips are as follows:

Bayshore Walks - 12 walks, 229 visitors
Nature Walks - 13 walks, 156 visitors
Cape Sable Cruises - 5 trips, 159 visitors

The Cape Sable Cruise April 4 was cancelled because a licensed boat operator was not available.

The fast-paced winter program of naturalist activities came to a grinding halt April 13, and a curtailed schedule of conducted walks was implemented the following day. Until next winter only weekend Bayshore Walks will be offered.

After auditing the concessioner's Wilderness Tram Trip April 3 and noting numerous inaccuracies, Park Naturalist Stevenson accompanied the new tram driver, Mr. David Noblet, on a personal orientation trip over the tram route to Snake Bight April 8. Unfortunately, the driver was reassigned to the kitchen at his own request about three weeks later. The new operator will receive similar indoctrination when time permits.

Park Naturalist Inman wrote a Cape Sable interpretive narrative for the EPC tour boat stewardesses, who took over the narration of the trip at the conclusion of the winter interpretive program.

On April 12 Park Naturalist Stevenson escorted Rep. Yates of Illinois on a tour of the Flamingo area, including Bear Lake and Snake Bight.

The National Wildlife Federation's Eastern Safari to Everglades arrived at Flamingo on the evening of April 16 and remained until the morning of the 20th. On April 17 District Naturalist McKenzie narrated their bus tour of the Park road, led a walk at Mahogany Hammock, and made brief presentations at Nine Mile Pond and Pahayokee. Superintendent Allin addressed the group at the Parachute Key Visitor Center, and District Naturalist Truesdell conducted them on a tour of the Anhinga Trail. Two days later McKenzie accompanied them on a trip to Cape Sable, where he led a short nature walk.

On April 20 District Naturalist McKenzie and District Ranger Stokes took Messrs. Livingston, Garden Editor of the Tampa Tribune, and York of WLVA-TV in Tampa down the Bear Lake Road to photograph a number of native plants, particularly manchineel, for a planned local television feature on the plants of South Florida.

On April 23 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Sternwise, a New York artist who has been commissioned by the NPS to do a painting of Everglades, on a boat trip through the mangrove country. After visiting East Cape Sable, they continued up the coast to the mouth of the Little Shark River, explored several waterways south of the Little Shark, then proceeded across Whitewater Bay, up the North River, and returned to Flamingo via the Roberts River and Whitewater Bay.

Talks and Campfire Programs

A total of 2,218 visitors attended 19 campfire programs offered during the month. Nightly programs were presented until the winter interpretive program ended April 13, but they were scheduled only irregularly during the latter half of the month.

District Naturalist McKenzie presented a special evening program to the NWF Safari on the evening of April 18. A program scheduled for the same group April 16 had been cancelled when they arrived late. He presented an evening program April 17, though the group that had originally scheduled it, the St. Vincent J and J Drum and Bugle Corps., had left the area that day after discovering that Flamingo lacks the bright lights of Miami Beach. McKenzie also gave an illustrated talk to a group of biology students from Baldwin High School in Chicago April 21. All of these programs, though scheduled for special groups, were opened to the public.

Interpretive Planning

Park Naturalist Inman tallied and consolidated attendance figures for the winter season. These will help us evaluate the various interpretive activities offered at Flamingo and, hopefully, plan an improved program next year.

District goals for FY 1969 were submitted April 24.

Equipment needs for the district were submitted April 27.

Park Naturalist Stevenson began marking a proposed trail route through a small roadside hammock south of Coot Bay near the Old Ingraham Highway April 5.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

Ranger Trainee Foster, who was assigned to the Interpretive Division at Flamingo the last week of March, continued his interpretive training during the first two weeks of April. During this period he conducted three Bayshore Walks, two Christian Point nature walks, and one Bear Lake nature walk; presented four evening programs; and audited several activities.

On April 1 District Naturalist McKenzie submitted an evaluation of Ranger Trainee Woody's performance during his two-week tour of duty in the Interpretive Division earlier in the year.

District Naturalist McKenzie submitted performance ratings for Park Naturalists Inman and Stevenson during the month.

Park Naturalist Stevenson terminated his seasonal employment COB April 12.

Park Naturalist Inman was on annual leave from April 17 through the end of the month.

District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied District Ranger Stokes and Assistant Chief Ranger Maxwell to Lostman's River via the inland waterway April 16 to determine the amount of clearing needed. Though Broad Creek contained many submerged snags, a high tide made it passable. Rangers cleared the route later in the month, but additional work will be necessary.

District Naturalist McKenzie made a trip up the Watson River April 18 for orientation purposes. The electric starter on the boat motor failed on the return trip, necessitating the use of the 6 HP kicker from Marker 12 in Whitewater Bay back to Flamingo.

District Naturalist McKenzie met with new EPC Resident Manager Kenneth Wilkey April 21 to discuss tour narratives, improvements needed to the tram PA system, the possibility of supplanting the Shark River Cruise with a Roberts-North River trip, and quality of interpretation in general.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman completed and submitted Forms 10-180, 10-181, and 10-183A during the month. McKenzie also submitted a 10-182 for Park Naturalist Inman.

District Naturalist McKenzie was at Headquarters April 8 during the absence of all other permanent interpretive personnel. He also attended staff meetings at Headquarters April 10 and 24.

Research and Observations

The long-awaited excavation of the Bear Lake Indian Mounds, under the direction of Mr. John Griffen, Chief of the Southeast Archeological Center, commenced April 2. Five laborers have been employed for this work. District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied Dr. Frank Craighead to the site that day so that Craighead could discuss plans with Mr. Griffen. Park Naturalist Inman worked as a laborer on the dig on her lieu day April 8.

District Naturalist McKenzie submitted recommendations for establishment of phenological study areas in the Park April 2.

A birding visitor who spent several days in the Flamingo area reported the observations of many migratory species during her stay here. She agreed to mail a complete list of her observations after she returned home.

The bird concentration at Nine Mile Pond was quite impressive most of the month. Of greatest interest to most visitors was a flock of 30-40 roseate spoonbills that were seen there regularly during the latter half of April. Numbers of herons, egrets, wood storks, white ibises, cormorants, anhingas, Caspian terns, and a few other assorted species made this the best bird show in the Park during this period.

A party on an EPC houseboat picked up an injured raccoon swimming belaboredly in Whitewater Bay April 28 and brought it back to Flamingo. The incident was reported to District Naturalist McKenzie and Park Ranger Foster, who released the animal on the Christian Point trail. It appeared to have a broken hip.

Audiovisual Services and Devices

The amphitheater microphone became inoperative April 3, but Electrician Griffen repaired it the following day. A short in a connection had caused it to malfunction.

The message repeater cartridge in the Florida Bay diorama was replaced April 14.

Miscellaneous Activities

District Naturalist McKenzie cleaned the barnacle-encrusted hull of the new ENHA boat on the afternoons and evenings of April 22 and April 30. The hull will be painted before the boat is returned to the water.

District Naturalist McKenzie, accompanied by Mr. Carl Ross, the "mayor" of Flamingo, went to Florida City April 29 to interview Mrs. Loren Roberts, Mr. Ross' great aunt who lived at Flamingo from 1907 to 1920. Her recollections of her life in the old village were tape recorded.

An old refrigerator was acquired from the Pine Island warehouse and brought to Flamingo for storage of animal specimens awaiting preparation as study skins. A bobcat struck by a car on the Buttonwood Canal bridge was collected and placed in it late in the month.

A sunrise service as held in the amphitheater on Easter Sunday.

A going-away party for Sub-district Ranger Richard Hougham, who transferred to Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and his family was held at Flamingo on the evening of April 18.

Assistant Chief Ranger Clay Peters of Lassen Volcanic National Park and his wife Caroline were overnight guests of the McKenzies April 15.

EPC Resident Manager Robert Johnstone was relieved of his duties with the company April 8 and left Flamingo the following day.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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Superintendent June 12, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, May 1968

General

Visitors: On May 12 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Lumar Quintero, Office of Biological Research in Special Areas, Magdalena Valley Corp., Colombia, to Pa-hay-okee, Mahogany Hammock, West Lake and made several other stops on the Park road. Robert Kearney went along as interpreter.

On May 24 Sloane Wilson, author of "Man in a Gray Flannel Suit", and family stopped at Flamingo to gather information for a tour guide for the Keys and Southern Florida that he is writing.

Personnel: May 13 - May 17, Chief Park Naturalist Miller attended the MBD program at Land-Between-the-Lakes, Kentucky. May 11 - May 19, Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Tillman attended New Area Studies and Master Planning Course, at Mather Training Center. District Park Naturalist McKenzie attended Communications: Visual Aids Course at Mather Training Center May 20 - May 24, 1968.

After attending the Visual Aids Course, District Naturalist McKenzie took two weeks annual leave.

Park Naturalist Inman returned to work from annual leave on May 15.

Park Guide Maude Harriott spent 2 weeks on annual leave at Fort Jefferson National Monument.

During May Seasonal Naturalist Samuel Mendlen returned to duty on a part-time basis. He is being assigned part time to the Environmental Education Program.

Interpretive Activities

Glades District: Rain fell on May 6 and continued through the month bringing about 23 inches to the Royal Palm area. Water levels rose from below the surface to 4.0 feet by the end of the month.

Superintendent

June 12, 1980

Dear Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, May 1980

General

Visitors: On May 11 District Naturalist Pedersen escorted Simon Peabody, Editor of Biological Synopsis in Special Areas, Magdalena Valley Camp., Colombia, to Ka-Kay-ekee, Mahogany Mountain, Rest Lake and made several other stops on the Park tour. Robert Kearney went along as interpreter.

On May 24 Diane Gilson, author of "Man is a Crazy Flannel Suit", and family stopped at Pinelogs to gather information for a tour guide for the Keye and Nootsaee Tribals that he is writing.

Personnel: May 13 - May 17, Chief Park Naturalist Miller attended the Math program at Land-Between-the-Lakes, Kentucky. May 11 - May 17, Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Williams attended Nav Inca Studies and Naturalist Training Center, at Timber Trailing Center. Biatrict Park Naturalist Pedersen attended Communications: Visual Aids Course at Mather Training Center May 20 - May 24, 1980.

Mary Naturalist Inman returned to work from annual leave on May 12.

After attending the Visual Aids Course, District Naturalist Pedersen took two weeks annual leave.

Park Guide Hank Garrish spent 3 weeks on annual leave at Fort Jefferson National Monument.

During May Seasonal Naturalist Lenoel Bowden returned to duty on a part-time basis. He is being assigned part time to the Environmental Education Program.

Interpretive Activities

Visitor Statistics: Data fell on May 1 and continued through the month bringing about 23 inches to the Royal Park area. Water levels rose five inches the surface on 5.1 feet by the end of the month.

Visitation to the Glades District facilities showed a normal seasonal drop off plus a drop off due to the rainy weather. 15,963 persons visited Royal Palm during May as compared to 40,347 visitors in April. However, May 1968 showed an increase over May 1967 when only 14,525 visitors stopped at Royal Palm. The Parachute Key Visitor Center also showed an increase over last year with 9,529 visitors as compared with 6,084 in May 1967.

During May District personnel spent considerable time talking to and giving walks to school groups at Royal Palm. Orientation talks were given to seven special groups with a total of 350 in attendance, and orientation talks with a guided walk were given to twenty groups or a total of 1,420 visitors.

On May 16, 17 and 25 Seasonal Naturalist Philip Givens gave off-site programs to students of the 3rd, 4th and 1st grades of Neva King Cooper Elementary School with 265 students attending.

On May 9 District Naturalist Truesdell gave an off-site program to the Southside Garden Club in Coral Gables with 24 members in attendance.

Mangrove District: The week of May 5 - 11 saw the end of the drought. Rainfall for the month was 13.4 inches putting the total for the year, 18.4 inches, well above the average of 11.62 inches. The record for the month was 2.17 inches on May 24.

Fogging began on May 25 at the Flamingo area except around the Visitor Center because it was not clear what areas were out of bounds for the kitchen.

The eight bayshore walks offered during the month were attended by 80 visitors. An estimated 14,153 people visited the Flamingo Visitor Center during May with a total of 78 visitors being contacted by uniform personnel.

A total of 383 visitors attended eight evening programs offered. The programs were moved to the Everglades Park Company auditorium on May 22 because of rain and mosquitoes.

On May 16 Park Naturalist Inman presented an off-site program with slides on "Conservation" to a University of Miami Alumni Group, Epsilon Tau Lambda at Coral Gables with 30 in attendance.

Ranger-Trainee Woody finished his last 2 weeks' assignment with the Naturalist Division on May 18, leading 2 Bayshore Walks and presenting 2 evening programs.

Visitors to the Glades District Pavilion showed a record increase over last year with 3,512 visitors as compared with 4,184 in May 1941.

During May District personnel spent considerable time talking to and giving talks to school groups at Depot Park. Orientation talks were given to seven special groups with a total of 430 in attendance, and orientation talks with a guided walk were given to twenty groups of 1 habit of 1,834 visitors.

On May 16, 17 and 23 Regional Naturalist Philip Graves gave six-hour programs to students of the 3rd, 4th and 1st grades of Dove Elementary Summer School with 215 students attending.

On May 7 Assistant Naturalist Preswahl gave an all-nite program to the Seminole Garden Club in Coral Gables with 14 members in attendance.

Chickamauga District: The week of May 3 - 11 saw the end of the drought. Rainfall for the month was 5.5 inches pulling the total for the year to 6 inches, well above the average of 12.62 inches. The record for the month was 7.17 inches in May 19.

Fishing began on May 15 at the Fishing area which opened the Visitor Center Section it was not just what area was out of bounds for the visitors.

The night exhibits were offered during the month were attended by 80 visitors. In addition 14,283 people visited the Fishing Visitor Center during May with a total of 73 visitors being contacted by outside personnel.

A total of 161 visitors attended night evening programs offered. The highest were found at the Interpretive Area Inquiry evaluations on May 11 showed at rain was negligible.

On May 14 Park Naturalist Jamet presented an all-nite program with slides on "Conservation" to a Conservation of Wood Climat Camp, Explorer Tom Landis at Coral Gables with 30 in attendance.

Upper-Tribe Newly Planted 11 Lost 3 weeks' assignment with the Naturalist Division on May 11. Leading 3 Explorer Units and presenting 2 evening programs.

Memorandum

From May 13 to 15 District Naturalist McKenzie was at Headquarters as Acting Chief Park Naturalist. District Naturalist Truesdell was Acting Chief Park Naturalist May 16 and 17.

District Naturalist McKenzie presented an orientation program to about 30 concessioner employees on May 14.

District Naturalist McKenzie was appointed Chairman of the Christian Ministry Committee on May 8.

Pat H. Miller

CC:
Larry Tillman

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: June 6, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Report, May 1968

General

Weather - Rain was the weather word for the month of May. Starting on the 6th of May the rain continued throughout the month bringing about 23 inches of rain to the Royal Palm - Glades District area. Water levels rose from below the surface to 4.0 feet by the end of the month.

Travel - Visitation to the Glades District facilities showed a normal seasonal drop off plus a drop off due to the rainy weather. 15,963 persons visited Royal Palm during My as compared to 40,547 visitors in April. However, May 1968 showed an increase over May 1967 when only 14,525 visitors stopped at Royal Palm. The Parachute Key Visitor Center also showed an increase over last year. Probably more people stopped in because of the rain. This May 9,529 visitors stopped at the Visitor Center as compared to 6,084 in May 1967.

Administration

Personnel - During May Seasonal Naturalist Samuel W. Mendlen returned to duty on a part time basis. He is being assigned time to become thoroughly familar with the Environmental Education program.

Park Guide Maude C. Harriott spent 2 weeks on leave at Fort Jefferson National Monument during the month.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Research and Observations - During May around the Royal Palm area adult alligators were observed engaged in territorial disputes, observed mating on several mornings, and also heard bellowing on numerous occasions. During the first few days of the month alligators were numerous but after the rains began the population dwindled. By the end of the month only 2 large alligators and four or five small ones were commonly being seen. Most often only two or three small alligators were around. However, along the main Park road at the end of the month, alligators could be seen in many of the culverts.

The rains also brought several species of birds into the Royal Palm area. On many days Piedbilled Grebes and Kingrails could be heard calling but seldom seen. Along the main Park road the last week of the month Kingrails were seen regularly.

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In the hole-in-the-doughnut two Sandhill cranes were seen during the latter part of the month. They were feeding in the flooded fields with Cattle egrets and Little Blue herons from the rookery building up in the hole-in-the-doughtnut.

Two fox squirrels were released in the Paradise Key hammock on May 6th by Park biologists.

Interpretive Activities

During May Glades District Personnel spent a considerable amount of time talking to and giving walks to school groups at Royal Palm. Orientation talks were given to seven special groups with a total of 350 in attendance, and orientation talks with a guided walk were given to twenty groups or a total of 1,420 visitors, mostly students from nearby elementary schools.

On May 16, 17 and 25 Seasonal Naturalist Philip Givens gave off-site programs to students of the 3rd, 4th and 1st grades at Neva King Cooper Elementary School. 265 students heard a slide program on the wildlife of Everglades National Park.

On May 9 District Naturalist Truesdell gave an off-site program to the Southside Garden Club in Coral Gables. 24 members were in attendance.

During the month an attempt was made at installing new audiovisual equipment in the Visitor Center projection booth. New Carousel projectors with a lapse disolve units were installed, however, the tape programs accompanying the units did not function properly.

During the month Park Guide Mendlen put together several sets of slides for the programs in the Visitor Center.

The District Naturalist accompanied Park Biologist Ogden to the Osprey Study area in the Florida Bay on May 14.

William G. Truesdell

William G. Truesdell

Everglades National Park
June 2, 1968

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Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

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From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for May, 1968

General

The week of May 5-11 saw the end of the drouth. Rainfall for the month was 12.4 inches putting the total for the year (18.4") well above average (11.69") for the first time this year. The record day for the month was 8.17 inches on May 24.

Finally on May 25, the "Forger" was in working order and fogging began at the usual places except around the Visitor Center because it was not clear what areas were out of bounds for the kitchen.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

An estimated 14,153 people visited the Flamingo Visitor Center during May. A total of 78* visitors were personally contacted at this facility.

The air-conditioner in the Museum went out May 6 and was repaired May 7.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections

District Naturalist McKenzie evaluated the museum exhibits for rehabilitation needs and submitted a rehabilitation request for fiscal year 1969 on May 1.

The "Geologic Nip and Tuck" exhibit was touched up by Mr. Herman Marks, painter from Homestead, on May 6; and on May 30 Park Naturalist Inman varnished the "Flamingo Museum" panel and cleaned up the 4 limestone samples with ammonia water and a nail brush. They were removed to the office for this work and replaced again by Charley Smith.

Ranger Jim Riley donated the book "Geology and Ecology of E.N.P." to the Flamingo Library on May 7.

District Naturalist McKenzie made a photographic record, both in color and black and white, of the Bear Lake Mounds excavation on May 1. Park Naturalist Inman added 2 more boxes of slides to the collection and an alligator skin and skull (see Miscellaneous).

Conducted Trips

The 8 Bayshore Walks offered this month were attended by 0 visitors. The May 5 walk was cancelled because of rain and wind, and the walk of May 26 had no takers. Since fogging is not yet being done around the Visitor Center, the Bayshore Walk was rerouted starting May 25 to stay on the sidewalks and other paved areas away from the bushes and tall grass as much as possible. This proved to be very satisfactory and appreciated.

On May 12 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Lunar Quintero, Office of Biological Research in Special Areas, Magdalena Valley Corp., Colombia, to PaHayOkee, Mahogany Hammock, West Lake, and made several other stops on the Park road. Robert Kearney went along as interpreter.

Since the Concessioner's Whitewater Bay Cruise Narrative has not come back from New York, this cruise was not audited this month. There has been no replacement Tram driver, and Snake Bight Road has been rained out, so no audit there this month. No Shark River Cruise offered this month.

Talks and Evening Programs; Off-site Programs

A total of 303 visitors attended 8 Evening Programs offered this month. On May 22 these programs were moved to the E.P.C. Auditorium because of rain and mosquitos. However the air-conditioner is not working in that room and it is not being kept as clean and neat as last year.

On May 16 Park Naturalist Inman presented an off-site program with slides on "Conservation" to a University of Miami Alumni Group, Epsilon Tau Lambda, at Coral Gables. 30 attended.

Interpretive Planning

District Naturalist McKenzie submitted DI-1's for the remainder of this fiscal year on May 9. On May 23 Park Naturalist Inman submitted a draft plan for the Maintenance of Interpretive Facilities.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

Park Naturalist Inman returned to work from annual leave on May 15. District Naturalist McKenzie went on annual leave May 19 and 27 through the end of the month, with May 20 to 24 excepted for the Communications: Visual Aids Course at Harpers Ferry.

On the afternoon of May 5 District Naturalist McKenzie went to Lostman's with Chief Naturalist Miller, taking the newly-cleared inland route where they encountered some submerged snags because of low tide, necessitating the use of the 6 h.p. kicker for part of the route. They stayed overnight at Lostman's returning directly to Flamingo the following day after thoroughly cleaning the Rangers' Station. Upon return they scrubbed the interior of the boat.

On May 17 Ranger Woody accompanied Park Naturalist Inman on an orientation boat trip around the Capes, up Little Shark River to Banana Patch, down North Prong and Shark River to Joe River and back to Flamingo. Inman handled the boat all the way to Tarpon Creek where Woody took over. Again on May 25 Woody accompanied Inman around the Capes and down Joe River and back to Flamingo. This time Inman drove all the way without using the chart - missing only 2 landmarks.

Ranger-Trainee Woody finished his last 2 weeks' assignment with the Naturalist Division on May 18, leading 2 Bayshore Walks and presenting 2 Evening Programs, all of which were audited.

From May 13 to 15 District Naturalist McKenzie was at Headquarters as Acting Chief Naturalist. Staff meetings were attended May 8 by McKenzie and May 22 by Park Naturalist Inman, and on May 29 Inman spent the afternoon at H.Q. for Museum Accessioning and Cataloguing training.

District Naturalist McKenzie presented an orientation program to about 30 concessioner employees on May 14: an illustrated talk on Everglades National Park and the National Park System.

Signs and Markers: Wayside Exhibits and Interpretive Signs

The "Prehistoric Indian Canal" sign was removed from the highway by Maintenance under instruction of the Superintendent May 1.

On May 31 Park Naturalist Inman sharpened up the machete, bathed in insect repellant, and cleared trees and brush from the self-guiding signs and their indicated vegetation on the highway and also cleared the trails to the Strangler Figs, then placed bits of orange ribbon on the signed vegetation wherever variety lead to confusion. The sign on the West Lake shelter that read "Exhibit Room Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m." was cut to read "Exhibit Room Open" (since it is never closed now), repainted, and replaced.

Miscellaneous

District Naturalist McKenzie completed the painting of the F.N.H.A. boat hull May 4 and returned it to the water the following day. On May 26 Park Naturalist Inman "color-coded" with light blue and white paints the paddles, seat cushions, and all removable objects in the F.N.H.A. boat. (For the same purposes, the Ranger Division, Mangrove District, is color-coding with black and green, Glades District with red and gray, and Maintenance with orange.)

An injured immature brown pelican was sent to H.Q. on May 18. On May 19,2 roadkills were taken to H.Q. - a bobcat and a 5 ft. alligator. The latter was skinned out by Park Naturalist Inman, Chief Naturalist Miller and District Naturalist Truesdell, and the contents of its stomach examined. The skin was stretched on a board to dry and boraxed; a week later taken to Mrs. Jackson, Taxidermist, for comments, trimmed and varnished by Inman and added to the Flamingo collection. The head was placed in a wire cage at Flamingo to be insect-cleaned out of doors.

District Naturalist McKenzie was appointed Chairman of the Christian Ministry Committee on May 6. The new student minister has arrived - John R. Fox

Park Naturalist Inman interviewed Ralph Maxwell, Ass't Chief Ranger, and Ralph Miele, Ranger Pilot, for the Place Names File, May 22.

On May 24 Sloane Wilson, author of "Man in a Gray Flannel Suit", dropped in with his wife and child for only a moment of questioning. He is writing a tour guide for the Keys and Southern Florida.

On May 29 District Naturalist Truesdell and Park Naturalist Inman traded vehicles. The Dodge Pickup, with 43,000 miles, had just been serviced, was running well, and was left at H.Q. The Ford Fairlane Wagon, with 40,000 miles - appears to be burning oil, but sounds good - was brought to Flamingo.

Park Naturalist Inman installed a light switch on the slide-viewing table so it doesn't have to be plugged into the baseboard every time it is used. May 30.

Also on May 30 a farewell party was held in 10-7 Alley for the Maxwells who are transferring to Yorktown, and the Woodys who will transfer to Vicksburg.

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~~Leonard W. McKenzie~~
Mary J. Inman

Superintendent July 18, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, June 1968

General

Visitors: On June 8 Park Naturalist Mary Inman drove Miss Pat Caulfield, Sierra Club photographer, down the Bear Lake Road in an attempt to photograph swallow-tailed kites.

District Naturalist McKenzie took Mr. Arnold Newman, a professional photographer from New York and his family, on boat trips June 24 and 25.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman escorted Mr. Raymond Nelson, Supervisor Mather Training Center, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, on a boat trip to the mouth of the Little Shark River on June 30.

Messers. Ray Nelson, Arthur Graham, Superintendent DeSoto National Memorial, Walter Harriman and Jim Sleznick from Virgin Islands National Park, were in the Park to discuss the NEED Program with Headquarters personnel.

Personnel: Park Naturalist Zimmer went on leave during the month to take a course in "Maine Coast Ecology" offered in Maine.

During the month Glades District Naturalist Truesdell was transferred to the Gulf Coast District and Edomo P. Mazzer, Supervisory Naturalist Fort Jefferson, was transferred to the Glades District Naturalist position.

Museum Aid Cynthia McHugh was at Fort Jefferson National Monument from June 10 to June 22. During the first week she helped supervise the Ranger Aids in their work on cannon cleaning. From June 16 to 22 she assisted the Park Biologists with their bird banding program. Park Naturalist Mary Inman supervised the Ranger Aids at the Fort and returned June 16.

District Naturalist McKenzie returned to duty from annual leave June 10.

During the month two Park Ranger Trainees were assigned to the Glades District as Naturalists. Carl M. Fleming was assigned from June 9 - 28. He was given a week of on-the-job training during which time he audited most of the guided walks at the Royal Palm station and contacted visitors at the Parachute Key Visitor Center and by roving contacts along the trails.

Superintendent

July 15, 1940

Coast Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, June 1940

General

Visitors: On June 2 Park Naturalist Mary Lucas drove Miss Pat Caulfield, Sierra Club photographer, into the Bear Lake Road in an attempt to photograph wolf-certain elks.

Naturist Naturalist Rolando Ruiz Mo. Arnold Bowman, a professional photographer from New York and Lia Brady, on June 24 and 25.

Park Naturalists Roberts and Lucas escorted Mr. Raymond Nelson, Supervisor Nature Training Center, Morgan Ferry, West Virginia, on a boat trip to the mouth of the Little Coast River on June 20.

Meetings. Ray Nelson, Arthur Graham, Superintendent Dobson Regional Museum, Junior Warriows and Jim Hinnick from Virgin Islands National Park, met in the Park to discuss the NPCC Program with Headquarters personnel.

Personnel: Park Naturalist Lindner went on leave during the month to take a course in "Boise Coast Ecology" offered in Boise.

During the month Clyde Electric Rotarelist Thousand was transferred to the Gulf Coast District and Glenn P. Hamlin, Supervisory Naturalist Fort Jefferson, was transferred to the Glades Coastal Monument position.

Museum Aid Cynthia Bedlow was at Fort Jefferson National Monument from June 10 to June 21. During the first week she helped supervise the Ranger Aids in their early work on museum cleaning. From June 14 to 21 she assisted the Park Biologist with their bird banding program. Park Naturalist Mary Lucas supervised the Ranger Aids at the Fort and returned June 16.

District Naturalist Mathews returned to duty from annual leave June 10.

During the month two Park Ranger Trainees were assigned to the Station. District as Naturalists. Carl M. Fleming was assigned from June 7 - 16. He was given a week of on-the-job training during which time he assisted at the Peninsula Ranger Station and conducted visitors on the Peninsula Day Visitor Tours and by leading excursi along the Trails.

Stuart Coleman was assigned June 23 until July 20. During his first week most of his time was spent in auditing walks and preparing his own programs, with some on-the-job training at the Visitor Center.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Sam Mendlen was scheduled several days during the month to devote study to the developing of programs for the Environmental Study area at Royal Palm.

Glades District: Travel during the month was quite variable. The first week was very slow as the Park was threated by Hurricane Abby. However, by the end of the month visitation was back to normal. The Parachute Key Visitor Center recorded 13,496 visitors and Royal Palm's guided walks increased to about 30 to 40 people on each walk and on some weekend days it was necessary to split the group in half for the walk.

Special tours were given to school groups, the Explorer Scouts of Bordenton Military Institute, New Jersey and the new Park Ranger Trainees and the Entrance Station Tellers.

During June evening programs were given at the Parachute Key Visitor Center on Wednesday nights. Attendance increased during the month as better publicity was available. 195 people attended the four programs.

The Pinelands Primitive Auto Trails remained closed during the month due to high water.

A list of hammock names was received from Archie Jones and this information has been added to the Place Name File.

Construction of snake cages for the collection of specimens for interpretive study and familiarization and for interpretation fo the visitors, was completed during the month.

Equipment was moved into the Royal Palm area the latter part of the month in order to start the ecological maintenance project in Taylor Slough. By the end of the month a new road bed had been put in and a dredge had been put in the water. The dredge started removing the silt and vegetation during the first week in July.

On June 13 Chief Park Naturalist Miller attended the Governor's Conference on Tourism at the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel, Fort Lauderdale.

Mangrove District: A record of 16.13 inches of rain was registered at Flamingo during the month. On June 3 Flamingo, catching the fringe of Hurricane Abby, was put on yellow alert, but the storm moved up the coast leaving little trace and no damage to the area. An estimated 8,684 visitors, 300 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month.

A total of 76 visitors participated in seven Bayshore Walks during the month. The 12 evening programs presented in the auditorium during June attracted 445 visitors.

District Naturalist McKenzie visited the Miami Baptist Association's camp located between Florida City and the Park on June 11 to discuss the possibility of using the camp in connection with the NEED Program.

Pat H. Miller

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Memorandum

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: 7/2/68

: Acting Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, June, 1968

GENERAL

Weather

Continued wet and warm was the weather picture for June. Water levels throughout the glades remained high most of the month. The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 4.0 feet on the first of the month and 4.38 on the 30th. Hurricaine"Abbey" threatened the Park on June 2nd but passed by leaving a lot of water in her wake.

Travel

Travel during the month was quite variable. With the threat of a hurricaine, the first week was very slow. On June 3rd only 40 visitors stopped at the Visitor Center. However, by the end of the month visitation was back up to normal. The Parachute Key Visitor Center recorded 13,496 visitors during the month, most of these family groups traveling during the summer vacation months. Royal Palm guided walks increased to about 30 to 40 people on each walk and on some weekend days it was necessary to split the group in half for the walk.

Special Activities

Seasonal Naturalist Phil Givens escorted two bus tours into the Park on June 26th. Mr.Givens road with the groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. These were special school tours with 92 students attending. They stopped at Royal Palm where they were also taken on the guided walks.

District Naturalist Truesdell gave a special tour of the Royal Palm area to the Explorer Scouts of Bordenton Military Institute, New Jersey on the 19th.

The District Naturalist and Park Naturalist Zimmer assisted in presenting a show-me tour of the Park to the new Park Ranger Trainees and the Entrance Station Tellers.

Miscellaneous

Park Naturalist Zimmer went on leave during the month to take a course in "Maine Coast Ecology" offered in Maine.

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ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

During the month Glades District Naturalist Truesdell was transferred to the Gulf Coast District and Ed Masser, Supervisory Naturalist at Fort Jefferson was transferred to the Glades District Naturalist position.

During the month two new Park Ranger Trainees were assigned to the District as Naturalists. Carl M. Fleming was assigned to the District from June 9 -28. He was given a week of on - the - job training during which he audited most of the guided walks at the Royal Palm Station and participated in visitor contact work at the Visitor Center Information Desk and by roving contacts along the trails. During the second and third weeks he was put into the scheduled program and gave the guided walks, manned the Visitor Center, and helped in other district functions such as plant specimen collecting, trail inspections and label repairs and replacement. Park Ranger Trainee Stuart Coleman was assigned to work as a Naturalist on June 23rd till July 20th. During his first week in the District most of his time was spent in auditing walks and preparing for his own programs, with some on-the-job training at the Visitor Center. The District Naturalist and other District personnel have been auditing all the walks given by the trainees, evaluating them and making suggestions.

Glades District Naturalist Truesdell rewrote the position descriptions of Park Guides Maude C. Hatriott and Ruth Mendlen and submitted them to Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman.

Museum Aide Cynthia McHugh was at Fort Jefferson National Monument from June 10 to June 22nd. During the first week she helped supervise the Ranger Aidesin their work on cannon cleaning. From June 16th to 22nd she assisted the Park Biologists with their bird banding program.

Seasonal Park Naturalist Sam Mendlen was scheduled several days during the month to devote study to the developing of programs for the Environmental Study Area at Royal Palm.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, AND USE

Protection

Vandals again damagedmany of the metalphoto labels along the trails in the District. This month Mahogany Hammock trail was hit the hardest. Replacements were made on District trails on two different days and a new supply of labels had to be ordered at the end of the month.

Research and Observations

On June 6th at Royal Palm a female alligator was first noticed on a nest just behind the "Anhinga Trail" sign at the start of the trail. Because of the proximity of the nest to the trail, maintenance personnel erected a fence between the nest and the trail and Naturalist personnel installed an interpretive exhibit in a lift box on the fence . During the following days observations were made and the female was noted to be digging on top of the nest on two evenings and newly added material was noted on other occassions. Further data is being compiled by Naturalists on duty at Royal Palm. This is apparently the first time an alligator has built her nest close enough to the trail that visitors and Naturalists could observe.

Other wildlife observations of note include: numerous small Liguus Tree snails as well as many adults moving up into trees in the hammocks and pine woods. Due to high waters a few not so common birds are being seen along the road such as limpkins and king rails. Rains flooding the farm fields in the "hole-in-the-doughnut" have brought many shorebirds into that area to feed. Also in the hole-in-the-doughnut the bird rookery is very active. To date cattle egrets, little blue herons, pied billed grebes, and least bitterns have been observed nesting. Other birds, including glossy ibis, are roosting in the rookery at night. Four of the six tarpon first seen July 1967 are still being seen in the Royal Palm area. They are now over three feet in length.

Interpretive Activities

The District Naturalist submitted several items during the month including a maintenance work project list for the Glades District for both recurring maintenance needs and immediate repair needs for the 1969 fiscal year, also the 1969 F.Y. budget based on the PPBS program, also a listing of locks in the District other than Best and Lockwood, and an inventory of all headquarters and Glades District audio visual equipment which will be transferred to a central depot inventory at Harper's Ferry.

During June evening programs were given at the Parachute Key Visitor Center on Wednesday nights. Attendance at these programs was poor at first but increased during the month as better publicity was gotten out. 195 people attended the four programs.

A new project was started during the month of June. Plant specimens from each trail are being collected and pressed and will be mounted in individual specimen notebooks for each trail.

The Pinelands primitive auto trails remained closed during the month due to the high water.

Another project finally completed during the month was the construction of snake cages for the collection of specimens for interpretive study and familiarization, and for interpretation to the visitors, especially large school groups.

Another list of hammock names was received from Archie Jones and this information has been added to the place name file.

New tapes were obtained for the new audio visual equipment in the Parachute Key Visitor Center and this equipment was put in operation during the month.

Maintenance

Equipment was moved into the Royal Palm area the latter part of the month inorder to start the ecological maintenance project in Taylor Slough. By the end of the month a new road bed had been put in and a dredge had been put in the water. The dredge should start removing the silt and vegetation during the first week in July.

William G. Truesdell

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

REPLY REFER TO:

Memorandum

To: Chief Park Naturalist

From: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Subject: Monthly Narrative for June 196[illegible]

General

The weather was generally warm and wet during June. A record 16.13 inches of rain were registered at Flamingo during the month that traditionally is the wettest of the year. On June 3 Flamingo, catching the fringe of Hurricane Abby, was put on yellow alert, but the storm moved up the coast to the Tampa Bay area, leaving little trace and no damage in this area. The adverse weather conditions probably accounted for the relatively low visitation during the month.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

An estimated 8,604 visitors, 300 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month.

The stained map base in the Visitor Center lobby received a coat of clear varnish in early June.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections

Park Naturalist Inman began labelling, culling, and reorganizing the slides in the Flamingo slide file late in the month. Poor slides and those excess to our needs were either discarded or returned to Headquarters for disposal.

A number of useless items were removed from the closet in the Naturalist office to provide needed storage space.

Park Naturalist Inman classified some additional sea shells contributed by Seasonal Naturalist George Stevenson. This brings the total number of species in the Flamingo collection to 139.

The Place Names File for the Cape Sable Subdistrict is as complete as presently possible. Most known sources of information have been exhausted. A file for the Key Largo Subdistrict has been started.

Conducted Trips

A total of 76 visitors participated in seven Bayshore Walks during the month. One walk was rained out and people failed to show on two other occasions.

On June 8 Park Naturalist Inman drove Miss Pat Caulfield, Sierra Club photographer, down the Bear Lake Road in an unsuccessful attempt to photograph swallow-tailed kites.

On June 20 Park Naturalist Inman audited the Whitewater Bay cruise. She noted only a few minor errors but found the narrator's monotoned presentation somewhat lifeless.

District Naturalist McKenzie took Mr. Arnold Newman, a professional photographer from New York, and his family on boat trips June 24 and 25. On the afternoon of the 24th they explored the headwaters of the Roberts River, and the following morning they went to East Cape Sable.

On June 28 Park Naturalist Inman accompanied the new tram operator, Mr. John R. Fox, who is also Flamingo's student minister this summer, on an orientation tour of a portion of the tram route.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman escorted Mr. Raymond Nelson, Supervisor of the Mather Training Center at Harpers Ferry, W. Va., on a boat trip to the south of the Little Shark River on the afternoon of June 30. Torrential rains preempted additional plans. Mr. Nelson was in Everglades to conduct a training session July 1 for Park employees on the Cooperative Plan for Environmental Conservation recently implemented by NPS.

Talks and Campfire Programs

The 17 evening programs presented in the EPC auditorium during June attracted 645 visitors.

The chairs in the auditorium were rearranged late in the month to provide more optimum viewing area. At our request the concessioner has partially cleaned the room, which has consistently been dingy and dirty, to make it more presentable, but additional work will be necessary to bring it up to standard.

Interpretive Planning

District Naturalist McKenzie has devoted considerable time to planning activities this month, particularly the interpretive prospectus for the district. On June 26 Chief Naturalist Miller was at Flamingo to discuss interpretive plans and objectives for the district.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

District Naturalist McKenzie returned to duty from annual leave June 10.

During the week of June 9-16 Park Naturalist Inman supervised a group of six Ranger Aides who went to Ft. Jefferson to clean and paint some of the fixtures, including three cannons, three cannon balls, and the door to Dr. Mudd's cell.

District Naturalist McKenzie went to Headquarters June 10, 11, 17, 18, and 19 for planning purposes. Park Naturalist Inman accompanied him June 19 to attend an interpretive staff meeting.

On June 11 District Naturalist McKenzie visited the Miami Baptist Association's camp, located between Florida City and the Park, to discuss the possibility of using the camp in connection with the NPEP program.

Research and Observations

Alligators have been observed a number of times in the Flamingo area in the last several weeks. One has been sighted near the entrance to Buttonwood Canal from Coot Bay, and another was observed in the NPS boat basin June 30.

On June 4, the day after Hurricane Abby's winds rustled Flamingo, six white pelicans were observed over Buttonwood Canal and 12 frigatebirds were seen over the residential area.

A flock of 30-40 roseate spoonbills has delighted evening visitors several times by feeding on the mudflats just out from the Visitor Center at low tide. Numbers of spoonbills have also been observed frequently feeding in the Bay behind the NPS employees' quarters.

Audiovisual Services and Devices

An inventory of audiovisual equipment assigned to Flamingo was submitted June 21 in accordance with a memorandum from the audiovisual depot in Harper's Ferry.

Miscellaneous

A list of interpretive maintenance needs for the district, both recurring and non-recurring, was submitted June 14.

District Naturalist McKenzie took the FWPCA boat to Kenyon Marine Co. in Florida City June 17 for motor repairs and to have the broken windshield replaced.

Dr. Frank Craighead visited the office June 30.

Leonard W. McKenzie

Leonard W. McKenzie

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Superintendent August 21, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, July 1968

General

Visitors: On July 21 I&RM Chief Ed Rothfuss of the Virgin Islands National Park visited Flamingo.

National Wildlife Federation Field Representative "Pete" Farrar visited Flamingo July 29.

On July 24, a French photographer was shown around the Glades District for the purpose of photographing wildlife. Mrs. Yvonne Vacca acted as interpreter.

On July 25, District Naturalist Truesdell took photographer Bill Anderson and party on a special boat tour to film activity in the Chokoloskee bird rookery.

Personnel: On July 24, Park Naturalist Zimmer returned from Maine where she was taking a course on "Maine Coast Ecology."

The majority of the Naturalist staff attended a meeting held on July 1, 1968, dealing with the NEED and ESA programs. It was conducted by Mr. Raymond Nelson, Supervisor of the Mather Training Center at Harpers Ferry.

District Naturalist McKenzie took annual leave July 22.

During the month of July Chief Park Naturalist Miller, Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Tillman, and Park Naturalists Mazzer, Truesdell, McKenzie and Inman began writing the Interpretive Prospectus for Everglades National Park.

Interpretive Activities

Glades District: Water levels throughout the Glades District took a sharp drop during the month. The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 4.82 feet on the 1st of July and then dropped to 2.93 by the 31st. Rainfall during the month totaled 7.71 inches in the District.

Visitors to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 17,111 for the month which was an increase of 3,615 as compared to June's total figure. Royal Palm visitors totaled 24,811 for the month as compared to 12,684 for last month. The Anhinga Guided walk was presented 67 times and was attended by 2,036 visitors.

Superintendent

August 31, 1964

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, July 1964

General

Visitors: On July 11 1000 Chief Ki Warriors at the Virgin Islands National Park visited Flamingo.

National Wildlife Federation Field Representative "Pete" Burns visited Flamingo July 19.

On July 14, a French photographer was shown around the Glades Overlook for the purpose of photographing wildlife. Mrs. Thomas Tyson acted as interpreter.

On July 15, Division Naturalist Tweedell took photographer Bill Anderson and party on a special boat tour to Pine estuary in the Snakelocke Bird rookery.

Personnel: On July 14, Park Naturalist Ranger returned from MARS where she was taking a course on "Marine Coast Zoology."

The majority of the Naturalist staff attended a meeting held on July 1, 1964, dealing with the MARS and ESM programs. It was conducted by Mr. Raymond Nelson, Supervisor of the Rangers Training Center at Harpers Ferry.

District Naturalist McMannis took annual leave July 17.

During the month of July Chief Park Naturalist Miller, Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Tillman, and Park Naturalists Mercer, Tweedell, McInnis and Jones began writing the Interpretive Prospectus for Everglades National Park.

Interpretive Activities

Glades Electric: Water levels throughout the Glades District took a sharp drop during the month. The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 4.31 feet on the 1st of July and then dropped to 3.91 by the 31st. Tweedell morning the month totaled 1.31 inches in the District.

Visitors to the Paurotis Bay Visitor Center totaled 17,111 for the month which was an increase of 3,815 as compared to June's total figure. Royal Palm visitors totaled 24,321 for the month as compared to 31,184 for last month. The Anhinga Guided walk was presented 31 times and was attended by 1,034 visitors.

Park Naturalists gave ten walks on the Anhinga Trail for special groups totaling 428 individuals.

The presence of a dredge and the closing of a portion of the Anhinga Trail was of intense interest to the visitors. Lift boxes were installed explaining the presence of the dredge and the importance of removing silt from Taylor Slough.

New Glades District Naturalist Ed Mazzer spent a large portion of the month on training and familiarization assignments in the District.

During the month intake Trainees Stuart Coleman and Larry Reed were assigned to the Naturalist Division.

The presentation of evening programs at the Parachute Key Visitor Center continues to be very popular. Attendance is increased by the weekly press release announcing the name of the program to be given.

The Pinelands Primitive Auto Trails remained closed throughout the month because of high water.

On July 17 District Naturalist Mazzer attended the Underwater Festival at the University of Miami. Of prime interest in the program was the subject "Underwater Interpretation", which was presented by Chief of I&RM Ed Rothfuss of Virgin Islands National Park.

Mangrove District: An estimated 11,322 visitors, 223 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during July.

Park Naturalist Inman traced and mimeographed two area maps for public distribution. One is a detailed layout of Flamingo, showing all facilities, while the second, a small scale map, shows the surrounding area, including Bear Lake, Coot Bay and part of West Lake.

A total of 92 visitors participated in eight Bayshore Walks offered during July. A Thursday evening program was added to the schedule July 1 to bring the total number of weekly programs at Flamingo to four. Park Naturalist Inman made several posters to publicize these talks as well as the Wednesday evening program given at the Parachute Key Visitor Center. A total of 785 visitors attended the 17 evening programs presented in July.

Gulf Coast District: Total visitation was 17,288 people. The boat concessioner had 153 trips with 1,528 people. Overnight camping on the keys increased considerably from the previous month probably because of reduced numbers of mosquitoes and sandflies.

The District Naturalist spent most of the first two weeks of the month assisting in the Glades District Operation. Several days were spent in orientation of the new Glades District Naturalist.

Park Naturalists gave two talks on the Indiana Trail for special groups totaling 411 individuals.

The presence of a dredge and the closing of a portion of the Indiana Trail was of intense interest to the visitors. Fifty buses were involved emphasizing the presence of the dredge and the importance of removing silt from Taylor Slough.

Two Glades Forever Naturalists Ed Mercer spent a large portion of the month on training and familiarization assignments in the Florida.

During the month Senior Technical Aides Stuart Coleman and Larry Kane were assigned to the Naturalist Division.

The presentation of evening programs at the Daronda Key Visitor Center continues to be very popular. Attendance is increased by the weekly press release announcing the menu of the program to be given.

The Pinelands Pollution Area Trails remained closed throughout the month because of high water.

On July 11 District Naturalist Mercer attended the Underwater Festival at the University of Miami. Of prime interest in the program was the address "Underwater Interpretation", which was presented by Chief of Visitor Services of Virgin Islands National Park.

Monument Statistics: An estimated 11,321 visitors, 113 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during July.

Park Naturalist Inman timed and accompanied two star tour for public station. One is a nature jaunt at Flamingo, during all daylight hours, while the second, a small scale map, shows the surrounding area, including Bear Lake, Coot Bay and part of Joe Lake.

A total of 91 visitors participated in eight Keystone Walks offered during July. A Thursday evening program was added to the schedule July 1 to bring the total number of weekly programs at Flamingo to two. Park Naturalist Inman made several posters to publicize these talks as well as the successful evening program given at the Daronda Key Visitor Center. A total of 193 visitors attended the 17 evening programs presented in July.

Gulf Coast District: Total statistics was 11,320 people. The boat concessioner had 133 trips with 1,312 people. Overnight camping on the Keys increased considerably from the previous month primarily because of reduced numbers of mosquitoes and sandflies.

The District Naturalist spent most of the first two weeks of the month assisting in the Glades District Operation. Several days were spent in organization of the new Glades District Naturalist.

On July 16 District Naturalist Truesdell assisted the Rangers in the transferring of boat equipment from Flamingo to the Gulf Coast District and became involved in the apprehension of a gator poacher on Highland Beach.

During the latter part of the month District Naturalist Truesdell assisted the Ranger staff in placing channel markers for the Mangrove Water Wilderness Trail from Everglades City to Flamingo.

Pat H. Miller

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: August 6, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, July, 1968

GENERAL

Weather:

Showers were prevalent during most of the month with a few cloudy days. The majority of days were hot and humid which did not add to the comfort of the visitor or the Interpreter. Water levels throughout the Glades District took a sharp drop during the month. The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 4.82 feet on the 1st of July and then dropped to 2.93 by the 31st. Rainfall during the month totaled 7.71 inches in the District.

Travel:

Visitors to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 17,111 for the month which was an increase of 3,615 as compared to June's total figure. Royal Palm visitors totaled 24,811 for the month as compared to 12,684 for last month. The Anhinga Trail guided walk was presented 67 times and was attended by 2,036 individuals. Average visitors per walk was 30.

Special Activities:

Park Naturalists gave ten walks on the Anhinga Trail for special groups totaling 428 individuals. On July 24, a French photographer was shown around the Glades District for the purpose of photographing wildlife. Absence of wildlife because of high water levels was very disappointing. The language barrier was overcome by the presence of Mrs. Yvonne Vaca who acted as interpreter.

A 24-pound flank Howitzer cannon carriage was taken to the George W. Peace Co. in Miami, Florida in order to be reproduced. The finished product will be taken to Fort Jefferson and placed in one of the bastions, along with the tube, for display. The oak base for a Coehorn Mortar is also to be reproduced by the Peace Co. Upon completion the mortar with its base will be sent to Fort Jefferson to be placed on top of the bastion with the lighthouse on it.

Visitors:

Many comments were made by visitors pertaining to the absence of wildlife along the Anhinga Trail. Interpretive personnel explained why wildlife was not abundant at this time of year. Another item of intense visitor interest was the closing of a portion of the Anhinga Trail and the presence of a dredge

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in Taylor Slough. Life boxes were installed explaining the presence of the dredge and the importance of removing silt from Taylor Slough.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel:

A large part of the month was spent on training and familiarization of the Glades District by the new Glades District Naturalist. The entire Naturalist Staff is taking part in the training.

July 24 Park Naturalist Zimmer returned from Maine where she was taking a course on "Maine Coast Ecology."

July 17 the Glades District Naturalist attended the Underwater Festival at the University of Miami. The program was geared mainly to high school graduates or individuals interested in pursuing a career in Oceanography. Of prime interest was the subject entitled "Underwater Interpretation" which was presented by Chief I&RM Ed Rothfus of Virgin Islands National Park.

The majority of the naturalist staff attended a meeting held on July 1, 1968 dealing with the NEED and ESA programs.

During the month Intake Trainees Stu Coleman and Larry Reed were assigned to the Naturalist Division for systematic training in interpretation.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION & USE

Research and Observations:

The female alligator, whose nest is located behind the "Anhinga Trail" sign, was seen quite frequently in the pond waiting for a handout. Several of her eggs were seen on top of the nest. The nest is probably being disturbed by coons and snakes as one Everglades racer was seen emerging from within the nest.

Fifteen white ibis and a swallow-tail kite were seen at Royal Palm on the 16th.

A three foot 'gator was found dead in the pond at Royal Palm. Cause of death could not be determined as no external wounds were visible.

The District Naturalist was taken to a bird rookery located in the Hole-in-the-donut area. The trip was interesting and very worthwhile for familiarization purposes.

During the month a trip to Everglades City was made by the District Naturalist for orientation purposes. The Area District Ranger and Naturalist were hosts on a trip into the backcountry and the Lostman's River Ranger Station. A very worthwhile and enjoyable trip.

Interpretive Activities

The collection of plants from the various interpretive trails continues. It is hoped the collection will aid new interpreters in identifying the numerous species of plants found along each trail.

The presentation of evening programs at the Parachute Key Visitor Center continues to be very popular. Attendance is increased by the weekly press release announcing the name of the program to be given.

The Pinelands primitive auto trails remained closed throughout the month because of high water.

Interpretive trails within the Glades District are receiving weekly inspections in order to detect and replace vandalized interpretive trail signs.

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District Naturalist

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: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: August 14, 1968

: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

T: Monthly narrative report for July

General

Rainfall diminished considerably during July, but occasional showers pushed the total amount for the year to date nearly 16 inches above the average expected rainfall. The traditional visitation pattern for the month repeated itself, increasing slightly over June. Participation in interpretive activites was fairly good, probably because of relatively tolerable weather conditions and insect concentrations.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations

An estimated 11,322 visitors, 223 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during July.

Park Naturalist Inman traced and mimeographed two area maps for public distribution late in the month. One is a detailed layout of Flamingo, showing all facilities, while the second, a small scale map, shows the surrounding area, including Bear Lake, Coot Bay and part of West Lake.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections

On ~~June~~ 24 Park Ranger Riley preserved a 56" Brooks' king snake that had been killed on the road near the Snake Bight turnoff for the Flamingo collection.

A laminated plastic label was installed over the push button for the rookery exhibit's automatic slide program in the museum.

Park Naturalist Inman completed the reorganization of the Flamingo slide file July 12.

Conducted Trips

A total of 92 visitors participated in eight Bayshore Walks offered during July.

On ~~June~~ 21 Park Naturalist Inman accompanied Tram Operator Bob Fox on a final orientation trip before resumption of the Everglades Park Company's Wilderness Tram Trip that afternoon.

District Naturalist McKenzie audited Park Naturalist Inman's Bayshore Walk July 28.

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Talks and Campfire Programs

A total of 785 visitors attended 17 evening programs presented in the Everglades Park Company auditorium during the month.

A Thursday evening program was added to the schedule July 1 to bring the total number of weekly programs at Flamingo to four. Park Naturalist Inman made several posters to publicize these talks as well as the Wednesday evening program given at the Parachute Key Visitor Center.

Park Naturalist Inman has begun using the PA system from the outdoor amphitheater in the auditorium with good results.

Interpretive Planning

District Naturalist McKenzie completed and submitted the first draft of the interpretive prospectus for the Mangrove District late in the month. He was at Headquarters July 15 and 17 for planning purposes.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman went to Key Largo July 10 for orientation and planning purposes. Inman completed and submitted the first draft of the Key Largo prospectus late in the month.

Interpretive Personnel and Training

On July 1 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman participated in a general training session conducted at Park Headquarters by Mr. Raymond Nelson, Supervisor of the Mather Training Center at Harpers Ferry, on the Cooperative Plan for Environmental Conservation recently implemented by the National Park Service.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman attended interpretive staff meetings at Park Headquarters July 10 and 31.

District Naturalist McKenzie took three hours of annual leave July 22.

Audiovisual Services and Devices

The message repeater in the Florida Bay diorama has begun to malfunction by cycling continuously throughout the day. The standby unit on hand is defective, so the machine cannot be replaced until a working repeater is available.

Miscellaneous Activities

District Naturalist McKenzie submitted an article for publication in the Anhinga July 16.

On July 16 a ball joint hitch was installed on the government vehicle assigned to Flamingo, enabling District Naturalist McKenzie to return the ENHA boat, sans windshield, from Keysway Marine Co. in Florida City to Flamingo. The motor had been repaired, but a replacement for the broken windshield had not been located. A new plexiglass windshield was finally ordered directly from N. A. Taylor Co. of Gloversville, N.Y., July 31. The boat was returned to the water July 28.

Mechanic Bill Mills installed the taillight hookup for the boat trailer on the government vehicle.

On July 31 District Naturalist McKenzie took the boat trailer to Naranja to be weighed and then to Homestead to register it.

On July 21 I&RM Chief Ed Rothfuss of the Virgin Islands National Park visited Flamingo.

National Wildlife Federation Field Representative "Pete" Farrar visited Flamingo July 29.

On July 24 District Naturalist McKenzie attempted unsuccessfully to extricate a dead snake from the undercarriage of a visitor's car. The service station attendant had refused to touch it for fear of "getting into trouble with the rangers" for molesting wildlife. This followed by two days the conviction of three Everglades Park Company employees for molesting an alligator behind the Flamingo Lodge.

Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman helped Park Rangers Mayer and DeLashmutt remove a dart from an alligator's neck at Paurotis Pond July 28. Photographs were taken.

On July 12 Mr. Marlin Simon of Islamorada, an associate of Dr. Robert Schroeder, was reprimanded for collecting nine loggerhead turtle eggs without a permit after he had been informed of regulations. A separate report has been filed.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: August 6, 1968

: Gulf Coast District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, July, 1968

Weather:

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Pleasant weather prevailed throughout most of July; however, during one week temperatures reached mid 19's. Thunder showers occured almost daily some place in the District. The station recorded only 5.45" rain for the month.

Travel: Total visitation was 17,288 people. The boat concessioner had 153 trips with 1528 people. Overnight camping on the keys increased considerably from the previous month, probably due to a lessening in numbers of mosquitoes and sandflies.

Special Activities:

The District Naturalist attended the special training session on NEED at Park Headquarters on July 1.

Research and Observations:

Three major bird rookeries were checked periodically in the Gulf Coast area during the month and two smaller rookeries were inspected in the Shark Valley area. The large Chokoluskee bird roost is still at full activity. Cormorants, snowy egrets, American egrets, and Brown Pelicans successfully nested in this rookery. By the end of the month many young were full size and some had left the nests. The Rodger's River bay rookery consisted of about 50-60 pair of American egrets and 8 to 10 pair of Cormorants. This rookery isn't as far along as Chokoluskee. Rat Terde Key was the other rookery checked. The two rookeries in the Shark Valley were primarily Little Blue Heron rookeries with a few other species. Several Anhinga young were observed in one bayhead. These rookeries had just about broken up by the end of the month.

Turtle crawls were noted on many of the sandy beaches, six were observed on Highland beach. Two turtles were killed on Kingston Key beach. Turtle acitvity ceased by the end of the month.

During the month only a few alligator sightings were recorded. They were seen on Halfway Creek, Turner and Ferguson Rivers and (of all places)in Alligator Bay.

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Interpretive Activities:

The District Naturalist spent most of the first two weeks of the month assisting in the Glades District operation. Several days were spent at the Glades District in orientation of new District Naturalist Mazzer. District Naturalist Mazzer also came over to the Gulf Coast for one day of orientation.

On July 16 the District Naturalist assisted the Rangers in the transferring of boat equipment from Flamingo to the Gulf Coast District and became involved in the apprehension of a gator poacher on Highland Beach.

During the latter half of the month seven days were spent assisting the Ranger staff in placing channel markers for the Mangrove Water Wilderness Trail from Everglades City to Flamingo.

Maintenance:

On July 20 district personnel and the concessioner repaired the damaged dock at Kingston Key.

~~Special~~ Interpretive Activities:

July 25 the District Naturalist took photographer Bill Anderson and party on a special boat tour to film activity in the Chokoluskee bird rookery.

Interpretive Planning:

During July several long days were spent in writing an Interpretive Prospectus for the Gulf Coast District.

Bill Truesdell

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Superintendent September 30, 1968

Acting Chief Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - August, 1968

General

Visitors: On August 14 and 15 District Naturalist Truesdell and Park Ranger Dale escorted newsmen Jim Ryan and Leo Hurshfield of the St. Petersburg Times through the District, down the waterway to Lostman's for the night and return along the Gulf. A feature article will be written on the park in the near future.

The District was also visted by Mr. Oglesby, Geologist with the State Conservation Department and Mr. Bryan of the U.S. Weather Bureau, Miami.

Personnel: Naturalist Gale Zimmer resigned from the Park Service effective August 11. District Naturalist McKenzie took a total of 24 hours annual leave during the month. Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman took annual leave also during the month.

Glades District: A total of 5.76 inches of rain fell during the month in the Glades District. The water gauge at Royal Palm measured 2.93 inches on the 1st and dropped to 2.55 inches by the end of the month.

Visits to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 14,507, which was a decrease of 2,604 as compared to last month's figures. A total count of 41,759 visitors to Royal Palm was an increase of 16,948 over the July figure. Conducted walks on the Anhinga Trail were given 62 times and were attended by 1,914 individuals. Four special walks and talks were given along the Anhinga Trail with a total of 236 people in attendance.

Intake Trainee Larry Reed spent the early part of the month in a training capacity with the Interpretive Division.

The dredging operation continues. Numerous items of interest are being found at the exhaust end of the dredge. The items consist of fragments of turtle shells, alligator bones, and some boney back plates, arrowheads, spearheads, and several potsherds were found.

Considerable time was spent compiling information for the new minifolder for Fort Jefferson.

Wednesday night evening programs continue to be well attended.

Superintendent

September 30, 1958

Acting Chief Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - August, 1958

General

Visitors: On August 14 and 15 District Naturalist Truesdell and Park Ranger Dale escorted newsmen Jim Egan and Leo Brookfield of the St. Petersburg Times through the District, down the waterway to Lostman's for the night and returns along the Gulf. A feature article will be written on the park in the near future.

The District was also visited by Mr. Oglesby, Geologist with the State Conservation Department and Mr. Bryan of the U.S. Weather Bureau, Miami.

Personnel: Naturalist Dale Glover resigned from the Park Service effective August 11. District Naturalist McKenzie took a total of 24 hours annual leave during the month. Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman took annual leave also during the month.

Glades District: A total of 5.76 inches of rain fell during the month in the Glades District. The water gauge at Royal Palm measured 3.93 inches on the 1st and dropped to 1.55 inches by the end of the month.

Visits to the Paradise Key Visitor Center totaled 14,561, which is a decrease of 3,524 as compared to last month's figures. A total count of 41,115 visitors to Royal Palm was an increase of 12,962 over the July figure. Conducted walks on the Anhinga Trail were given 61 times and were attended by 1,716 individuals. Four special walks and talks were given along the Anhinga Trail with a total of 116 people in attendance.

Intake Trainee Larry Kent spent the early part of the month in a training capacity with the Interpretive Division.

The dredging operation continues. Numerous items of interest are being found at the conclusion end of the dredge. The items consist of lightbulbs, tin cans, shells, alligator bones, and some honey bucket plates, miscellaneous, pipelines, and several potshards were found.

Considerable time was spent compiling information for the new monthlies for Park Service.

Wednesday night evening programs continue to be well attended.

The Royal Palm Visitor Center was broken into during the night of the 10th. No money or equipment were taken, although both coke machines and the candy machine were heavily damaged. Both coke machines had to be replaced.

Mangrove District: An estimated 11,144 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during August. Since the Visitor Center was unmanned much of the time only 151 people were personnaly contacted.

The opening hour of the Flamingo Museum was moved from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Park Naturalist Inman made some improvements to the two area maps printed in July and mimeographed the maps again for distribution to the public.

On August 3 Park Naturalist Inman located all archeological sites in the Park on three area maps.

A total of 75 visitors participated in 9 Bayshore Walks conducted during August. A total of 1,134 visitors attended the 19 evening programs held in the Everglades Park Company's auditorium.

Park Naturalist Inman presented a luncheon talk on park wildlife to 30 members of the Miami Kiwanis Club August 8.

Park Trainee Larry Reed presented the evening program at Flamingo August 8.

During the last three weeks in August District Naturalist McKenzie spent ten days at Headquarters as Acting Assistant Chief Naturalist.

Gulf Coast District: Visitation was steady with good crowds of people up till the last week of the month when a noticeable dropoff began. A total of 4,340 visitors stopped at the station. The concessioner had 136 boat trips carrying 1,457 people.

During the month the District Naturalist finished the draft of the Interpretive Prospectus for the Everglades City Sub-district and assisted in a rewrite of the Tamiami Sub-district prospectus.

The Gulf Coast Rangers were assisted by District Naturalist Truesdell in marking the Water Wilderness Boat Trail from Everglades City to the Harney River. 80 markers were placed along the waterway. After completion of the waterway marking, District Naturalist Truesdell drew strip maps of the entire waterway and is writing a text to accompany the maps in a handbook of the Mangrove Wilderness.

On the 20th Messers Raftery, Miller, Truesdell and Fleming met with the Collier County Board of Commissioners in regard to the Cooperative operation of the Welcome Station at the junction of the Tamiami Trail and Route 29.

Chief Naturalist Miller met with Mrs. Harriet Ehrhard, Supervisor of Science at Lindsey Hopkins Building, Miami, to discuss the NEED Program on August 16. He also attended a meeting August 27 at Hialeah Junior High School and while

The Royal Palm Theater Center was broken into during the night of the 26th. No money or equipment were taken, although both side stations and the candy counter were heavily damaged. Doors were smashed and had to be replaced.

Emergency Patrolmen: An estimated 12,000 visitors entered the Pinecrest Theater precinct during August. Since the Theater Center was reopened most of the time only 131 people were permanently evacuated.

The opening hour of the Pinecrest Theater was moved from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Dark Relatives Lemon made some improvements to the two wire cops painted in July and reconfigured the cops again for flexibleness to the public.

On August 3 Field Detectives Jones learned all outstanding stubs in the Dark on Curse wire cops.

A total of 13 visitors participated in 3 Daytona Skills conducted during August. A total of 1,256 visitors attended the 12 evening programs held in the Everglades Fish Company's auditorium.

Jail Situation: Lemon presented a luncheon talk to para visible to Dr members of the Miami Kiwanis Club August 3.

Jail Trustee Larry Neal presented the evening program at Jennings August 5.

During the last three weeks in August Deputy Detective Mckenzie spent two days at Headquarters in Spring Auditorium Chief Patrolmen.

Gulf Coast District: Palliation was already with good crowds of people by till the last week of the month when a considerable drop-off began. A total of 5,344 visitors stopped at the station. The concessionaire had 12% more trips carrying 1,121 people.

During the month the district Detective Platoon the Night of the Interpretive Programs for the Everglades City Headquarters and assisted in a results of the Twelfth Day-Night Program.

The Gulf Coast Rangers were visited by District Personnel Transcell in meeting the Water Wilderness Room Trail from Everglades City to the Barney Elves. Mc reports were placed along the waterway. Other completion of the waterway meeting. District Detective Transcell drew strip maps of the radio stations and is writing a text to accompany the maps in a handbook of the Rangers Wilderness.

On the 11th Reserve Deputy, Miller, Transcell and Plowing met with the Collier County Board of Commissioners in regard to the temporary operation of the Welcome Station at the junction of the Tamiami Trail and Route 29.

Chief Secretarial Miller met with Mrs. Bertie Kinnard, Supervisor of Nurses at Lindsey Hospital Miami, to discuss the EEOC Program on August 11. He also attended a meeting August 21 at Miami Junior High School and while

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he was there he had the opportunity to speak to individual teachers who were interested in the NEED Program.

Larry J. Tillman

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were interested in the Bank Program.

Harry D. Wilson

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: September 19, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

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T: Monthly Narrative Report, August, 1968

GENERAL

Weather:

Hot days with high humidity and partly cloudy skies were normal for the month. Very little relief from high temperatures was brought about by rain or cool breezes. A total of 5.76 inches of rain fell during the month in the Glades District. The water gauge at Royal Palm measured 2.93 inches on the 1st., and dropped to 2.55 inches by the end of the month.

Travel:

~~Visitation~~ VISITS to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 14,507, which was a decrease of 2,604 as compared to last month's figure. A total count of 41,759 visitors to Royal Palm was an increase of 16,948 over the July figure. Conducted walks on the Anhinga Trail were given 62 times and were attended by 1,914 individuals.

Special Activities:

Four special walks, and talks, were given along the Anhinga Trail with a total of 236 people in attendance.

Visitors:

On the 24th, a search and rescue mission was successfully accomplished by the naturalists at Royal Palm. A family reported a friend and child lost in the Royal Palm vicinity. Naturalists systematically searched the immediate area and found the supposedly lost individuals enjoying the plant life along the Gumbo Limbo Trail.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel:

Naturalist Gale Limmer resigned from the Service effective August 11th. A going-away party was held for Gale prior to her departure. Gale is to be married and will reside in New York.

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Intake Trainee, Larry Reed, spent the early part of the month in a training capacity with the Interpretive Division. Upon completion of his stay with Interpretation, Larry will be assigned to other Divisions for further training.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION & USE

Research & Observation:

The female alligator, who has a nest at Royal Palm, has not been seen near the nest for several weeks. It is assumed she has abandoned the nest. The same female and a male alligator have been observed attempting to mate. The male has also been heard to roar which is another indication of mating.

Eight tarpon were seen in the pond at Royal Palm. These fish probably will not reproduce since they are salt water fish living in fresh water. They have adapted very nicely to their fresh water environment.

There have been frequent sightings of Anhingas in the Royal Palm area. On the 9th, a flock of 17 Anhingas were seen flying over Taylor Slough. There have also been frequent sightings of the American Egret.

A three-hour flight over the southern and eastern part of the Park was taken by the District Naturalist during the month. Hundreds of White Ibis, Teal, Roseate Spoonbills and lesser amounts of other species of birds were seen. A white-tail deer was observed grazing in the open glades at the northeastern part of the Park.

A pair of Red-shouldered Hawks was seen at the Royal Palm visitor center on the morning of the 25th.

The dredging operation continues. Numerous items of interest are being found at the exhaust end of the dredge. The items consist of camera accessories, bits of jewelry, fragments of turtle shells, alligator bones and some boney back plates, arrowheads, spearheads, and what appears to be the barb of the sting ray. Several potsherds were also found.

Interpretive Activities:

Replacement of several pieces of equipment in the AV room of the Visitor Center was necessary during the month. The broken-down machines were sent to Harpers Ferry for repair.

Slides used for the AV program at the Visitor Center were replaced during the month. AV equipment was also alternated.

Considerable time was spent compiling information for the new minifolder on Fort Jefferson.

Wednesday night evening programs continue to be well attended.

Miscellaneous:

The Royal Palm Visitor Center was broken into during the night of the 10th. No money or equipment was taken, although both coke machines and the candy machine were heavily damaged. Both coke machines had to be replaced.

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District Naturalist

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: September 19, 1968

: District Naturalist, Mangrove District

r: Monthly narrative report for August, 1968

General:

Hot, calm, relatively dry weather prevailed during August. Though rainfall for the month totalled 6.12 inches, most of it occurred in several heavy storms. A water spout was observed near Flamingo during one of the storms. Mosquitoes were often intolerably abundant around the developed areas, partly because of irregular and infrequent spraying. In fact, the spraying program was completely abandoned for about two weeks early in the month. Once it was resumed, the mosquitoes abated somewhat.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations:

An estimated 11,144 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during August. Since the Visitor Center was unmanned much of the time as a result of a personnel shortage, only 151 people were personally contacted.

The opening hour of the Flamingo Museum was moved from 8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.

Park Naturalist Inman replaced the shabby maps on display under the information desk glass. She also made some improvements to the two area maps printed in July and mimeographed them again.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections:

A number of additional slides were labelled and integrated into the Flamingo file.

Park Naturalist Inman devoted three days at Headquarters updating museum records. She has noted discrepancies between the accession book and the accession file that will demand further investigation, established a Source of Accession file, provided Accession Document Record sheets to put in accession file folders, and started accessioning uncatalogued specimens.

On August 3 Park Naturalist Inman located all archaeological sites in the Park on three area maps.

Self-guiding Facilities:

On August 30 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman inspected the Mangrove Trail to begin planning its interpretive revision.

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Conducted Trips:

A total of 75 visitors participated in 9 Bayshore Walks conducted during August.

The Everglades Park Co. Wilderness Tram continued to operate without benefit of mosquito netting throughout the month. District Naturalist McKenzie spoke to Manager Ken Wilkey August 11 to determine when it would be reinstalled. Wilkey indicated that repair of the netting was finally underway, after several problems that had hindered progress were overcome, and that it would be returned shortly. They were still waiting August 31.

Park Naturalist Inman conducted new tram operator Gene Hinkle on a brief orientation trip over the tram route August 30. He has been asked to submit a written or taped narrative of his presentation to facilitate orientation of future drivers.

Talks and Campfire Programs:

A total of 1,134 visitors attended the 19 evening programs held in the EPC auditorium in August.

Park Naturalist Inman presented a luncheon talk on park wildlife to 30 members of the Miami Kiwanis Club August 8.

Park Specialist (Trainee) Larry Reed presented the evening program at Flamingo August 8.

Research and Observations:

On August 11 Mrs. Charlotte Flynn of Largo, Florida, reported seeing a man in an EPC rental skiff anchored in Tarpon Creek clubbing an animal that had been dragged into the boat. Her husband said that he thought it was an alligator, but when he questioned the man, he was told to mind his own business. By the time the incident was reported, however, the accused man had already returned the skiff to the marina and left the Flamingo area.

Several Park employees observed twelve flamingoes at Snake Bight August 11. All but one wore the muted plumage of captive birds.

Interpretive Personnel and Training:

During the last three weeks of August District Naturalist McKenzie spent ten days at Headquarters as Acting Assistant Chief Naturalist. Park Naturalist Inman had special assignments at Headquarters August 3 and 28.

Training nominations for the 1969 fiscal year were submitted to SERO August 27.

District Naturalist McKenzie took a total of 24 hours annual leave during the month.

Publications:

The final draft of the Fort Jefferson minifolder text was submitted to SERO August 23.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs:

An underground power line was extended from the Visitor Center to the outdoor amphitheater early in the month. Previously, the amphitheater received electricity from one of the EPC boat basin circuits.

The malfunctioning message repeater in the Florida Bay diorama began to operate properly when a new tape cartridge received from the Division of Audiovisual Arts was installed.

A portable radio for the Interpretive Division at Flamingo was received early in the month.

A carrying rack and roof antenna were installed on the naturalist vehicle August 17.

Miscellaneous Activities:

District Naturalist McKenzie's wife Linda presented him with a 6 pound, 15 ounce daughter, Stacy Alaine, who arrived on the evening of August 5 at Baptist Hospital in Miami. Both grandmothers, Mrs. James Ice of Belmont, California, and Mrs. Leonard McKenzie, Sr., of Las Cruces, New Mexico, visited Flamingo the following week to welcome their first grandchild.

Park Naturalist Inman has color-coded all naturalist equipment and tools with bright blue paint. She also sanded and repainted the canoe paddles.

Park Naturalist Inman and the McKenzies hosted a party for interpretive personnel at Flamingo August 4.

Park Naturalist Inman attended Gale Zimmer's going-away party hosted by the Tillmans August 8.

Leonard W. McKenzie

Leonard W. McKenzie

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: Chief Park Naturalist LT 9/18 DATE: September 1, 1968

: Gulf Coast District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, Aug., 1968

GENERAL

Weather The weather picture for the month can best be summed up by, warm days with afternoon showers. The water in the Shark Valley Tower area continued to be high with the road still covered in many places by 8" to 10" of water.

Travel Visitation was steady with good crowds of people up till the last week of the month when a noticeable dropoff began. A total of 4,340 visitors stopped at the station. The concessioner had 136 boat trips carrying 1,457 people.

Visitors
Mr. Oglesby - Geologist, State Conservation Dept.
Jim Ryan - St. Petersburg Times
Leo Hurshfield - St. Petersburg Times
Mr. Bryan - U.S. Weather Bureau, Miami

Interpretive Activities

During the month the District Naturalist finished the initial draft and two rewrites of the Interpretive Prospectus for the Everglades City Sub District. He also assisted in a rewrite of the Tamiami Sub District prospectus.

In cooperation with the Gulf Coast Rangers the District Naturalist assisted in the marking of the Water Wilderness Boat Trail from Everglades City to the Harney River. The trail was completed during the month and on the 13th Superintendent Allin and Assistant Chief Ranger Stokes made an inspection run of the entire trail from Flamingo to Everglades City. District personnel placed 80 markers along the waterway in the District.

After completion of the waterway marking, the District Naturalist drew strip maps of the entire waterway and is writing a text to accompany the maps in a handbook on the Mangrove Wilderness.

On Aug. 14th and 15th District Naturalist Truesdell and Park Ranger Dale escorted newsmen Ryan and Hurshfield of the St. Petersburg Times, through the District, down the waterway to Lostman's for the night and return along the Gulf. A feature article will be written on the Park in the near future.

Cooperation With Other Agencies

The District Naturalist met with personnel at the Collier County Welcome Station to discuss future operations, andalso contacted the President of Everglades City Chamber of Commerce, Tom Morgan, concerning local operations. On the 20th Messers Raftery, Miller, Truesdell, and Fleming met with the Collier County Board of Commissioners in regard to the Cooperative operation of the Welcome Station at the junction of the Tamiami Trail and Rt. 29. The Chief Park Naturalist and Mr. A. C. Hancock will meet in September to draw up the final agreement. To date Naturalist Truesdell has interviewed one prospective employee, Mrs. Angela Mitchell of Everglades City.

On Aug. 10th District personnel were called on to assist The concessioner when the Mangrove Wilderness boat lost a prop. The passengers were removed from the boat and returned to the Ranger Station.

Research and Observations

After a report that several hundred Roseatte Spoonbills were seen roosting on the Stop Keys, several boat patrols were made in late evening andearly night in order to locate this group. To date their roost hasn't been found. During the days many were observed feeding along the rivers and on mud flats throughout the District.

During the month one green sea turtle was found in his nets by a local fisherman and since it was tagged it was reported to the Park. The turtle was released again after the information was sent to Robert Schoeder. Unfortunately the same turtle was reported killed before the month was over.

As Fall migrations began, several morning trips were made and observations sent to the Park Biologist. Noteworthy wasone early arriving Painted Bunting male.

Special Activities

Following the meeting with the Collier County Board, Messers Raftery, Miller, Truesdell, and Fleming made an overnight trip to Lostman's to familiarize Messers Raftery and Fleming with the District and the Patrol Station.

William G. Truesdell

William G. Truesdell

Superintendent October 28, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, September 1968

General

Visitors - Mr. Peter Hope Jones, Warden Naturalist, North Wales, visited main Headquarters on the 26th, Flamingo on the 27th and the Everglades City area on the 28th and 29th. He presented very informative talks to the headquarters and Flamingo staffs on National Parks of North Wales.

Mr. Albert Manucy, Regional Historian, visited the Park during the month to discuss the flank howitzer carriage and Coehorn mortar base that are being reproduced in Miami and that will be placed on display at Fort Jefferson.

On the first day of September District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Walman Sinaga, Department of Forestry, Indonesia, and seven representatives of the Inter-American Forestry Group, Costa Rica, to West Lake and Mahogany Hammock.

On September 12 Park Naturalist Inman took Mr. Tanaka, photographer from Tokyo out in the boat to take bird pictures.

Personnel - Museum Aid Cynthia McHugh resigned effective September 12 to attend Colorado State University.

District Naturalist Truesdell was on annual leave September 3rd thru the end of the month.

Chief Naturalist Miller was on annual leave September 16 thru the end of the month.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Glades District - Visitor use of the Parachute Key Visitor Center amounted to 6,518 as compared to 14,507 for August. At Royal Palm, 12,439 visited the area as compared to 41,759 for August. Average attendance of guided walks dropped to 16 people per walk.

Superintendent October 31, 1951

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, September 1951

General

Visitors - Mr. Fred Dale Jones, Warden Naturalist, Marie Dale, visited main Headquarters on the 26th, 27th, 28th and the Evergreen City area on the 11th and 12th. He presented very informative talks at the headquarters and Evening nearby on National Parks of North Dakota.

Mr. Albert Monroy, Regional Historian, visited the Park during the month to discuss the final Museum coverage and Museum notes that are being reproduced in Mimeo and that will be placed on display at Park facilities.

On the first day of September District Naturalist Roberts covered Mr. Wilson Gidge, Department of Forestry, Jamestown, and Lorna Superintendent of the Inter-American Forestry Group, Santa Fe, on Bear Lake and Mahogany Museum.

On September 11 Park Naturalist Inman took Mr. Tamura, photographer from Tokyo out in the boat to take bird pictures.

Personnel - Museum Aid Cynthia Medwin resigned effective September 15 to attend Colorado State University.

District Naturalist Trousdell was on annual leave September 3rd thru the end of the month.

Chief Naturalist Miller was on annual leave September 10 thru the end of the month.

Observations, Interpretation and Use

Cabin District - Visitor use of the Pueblo Key Visitor Center increased to 8,318 as compared to 14,307 for August. At Royal Park, 11,434 visited the area as compared to 41,718 for August. Average attendance at guided walks dropped to 12 people per walk.

Numerous artifacts were found during the last phase of the dredging operation. These consisted of spear and arrow points made of bone, punctured fish vertebratae, potsherds, and barbs from the tail of sting rays. The dredge operation at Taylor Slough is completed. We are now waiting for the dredge to be pulled from the Slough.

The Wednesday evening program held at the Parachute Key Visitor Center continues to be well attended. 150 people attended the four programs given during the month.

The Pinelands Primitive Auto Trail remains closed due to high water.

Mangrove District - An estimated 9,782 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month and approximately 100 were personnally contacted.

A total of 21 visitors participated in 5 bayshore walks conducted during the month.

A total of 139 visitors attended 8 eveing programs held in the Everglades Park Company's auditorium.

District Naturalist McKenzie gave an off-site evening program on September 24 to 23 members of the Palmetto Garden Club, Perrine - a small group but very enthusiastic, and kept him another hour answering questions.

District Naturalist McKenzie spent a total of 17 days at Headquarters as Acting Assistant Chief Naturalist.

Gulf Coast District - A total of 2,000 visitors stopped at the Gulf Coast Ranger Station during the month, with 3,750 other visitors entering the Park by boat. Due to the District Naturalist being on leave part of the month, an estimated 150 visitors were contacted. The Concessioner took 64 trips with a total of 398 people.

Training - Chief Naturalist Miller and Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman attended a three day NEED Workshop at Land-Between-the-Lakes, Kentucky, on September 4 thru 6.

Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman attended the Interpretive Management: Goals Course at Harpers Ferry from September 9 thru 13.

The final draft of the Interpretive Prospectus for Everglades National Park was submitted to the Regional Office September 20.

Pat H. Miller

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: October 17, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report - September

General

Weather - Weather conditions during the month were somewhat varied with usually clear mornings and cloudy afternoons which seems to be typical summer climate for the Everglades. Heavy rain showers during the month raised the falling water level in Taylor Slough. The water level gauge at Royal Palm registered 2.51 on the first of the month and rose to 4.68 by the end of September. Total rainfall amounted to 5.76 inches for the month.

Travel - Visitation to the Parachute Key Visitor Center amounted to 6,518 as compared to 14,507 for August. At Royal Palm, 12,439 visited the area as compared to 41,759 for August. Average attendance of guided walks dropped to 16 people per walk.

Special Activities - Numerous pieces of artifacts were found during the last phase of the dredge operation. Artifacts consisted of spear and arrow points made of bone, punctured fish vertebratae that was probably used to make a necklace, several pieces of potsherds, and what seemed to be ~~the~~ barbs from the tail of sting rays. The collected material indicates the location of an Indian camp or village that flourished sometime in the past several hundred years. The bones used to make the spear and arrow points were cut at an angle to form a sharp point and edge. Wooden shafts were then fitted to the point. Also found were needles made of bone.

Miscellaneous - Two 16mm movie projectors were ~~brought~~ taken to Dan's Camera Clinic in Miami ~~to have some~~ for preventative maintenance ~~done.~~ and repair.

The dredge operation at Taylor Slough ~~has been~~ is completed. We are now waiting for the dredge to be pulled from the Slough.

Personnel - Our Museum Aid, Cynthia McHugh, resigned effective September 12 ~~in order~~ to attend Colorado State University.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Protection - On the 8th, two boys were observed taking several fishing rods and reels from a boat parked at the Royal Palm parking lot. Through cooperative and quick action on the part of the Royal Palm Naturalist and the Ranger force, the boys were apprehended and the equipment returned to the thankful owner.

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Vandals continue to deface interpretive signs along the self-guiding trails. Replacement of damaged signs is a constant chore.

Research and Observations - The alligator nest at the head of the Anhinga Trail was examined but no alligator eggs were found. However, several turtle eggs were found in the nest.

The heavy rainfall has brought with it numerous birds that are using the Royal Palm area along with fish, alligators and other wildlife.

A pygmy rattler was captured at the rock wall near the Royal Palm Visitor Center. The critter was retained several days for observation and then released in a remote location in the Park.

Interpretive Activities - The Wednesday evening program held at the Parachute Key Visitor Center continues to be well attended. One hundred fifty people attended the four programs given during the month.

Mr. Albert Manucy, Regional Historian, visited the Park during the month. Discussions with Manucy included the flank howitzer carriage and Coehorn mortar base that are being reproduced at the George Peace Mill Works in Miami. Both the cannon and mortar will be placed on display at Fort Jefferson. There are plans to give firing demonstrations with the mortar.

The Pinelands Primitive Auto Trail is still closed due to high water.

Numerous letters were answered during the month, requesting interpretive information on the Park. The film "Highlights of the Everglades" and a slide program were sent to various groups during the month.

There are now 50 botanical specimens on file at the Royal Palm Visitor Center. ~~The plants represent Royal Palm, Pinelands and Mahogany Hammock.~~ The mounted specimens will be used for indoctrination of interpretive personnel and general reference.

Two audio tapes, two LaBelle repeaters and a recycling machine were sent for repairs to the Audiovisual Center at Harpers Ferry.

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Reference specimens are being collected for each self-guiding trail in the District.

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Chief Park Naturalist

October 7, 1968

Acting District Naturalist, Mangrove District

Monthly Narrative Report for September, 1968

General:

We had an exceptionally rainy September. Good to see all that water.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations:

An estimated 9,782 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during Sept. Around a hundred were personally contacted.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections:

Al Manusy, Regional Historian, was at Flamingo on Sept. 12 to inspect museum exhibits and discuss interpretive plans for the area. On the following day at Headquarters he had helpful suggestions for our museum cataloguing.

Park Naturalist Inman devoted 2 days at Headquarters to museum work. She reorganized the catalogue card file and worked on several skulls - gluing parts together, replacing teeth, numbering and cataloguing, wrapping in saran wrap. Descriptions of those catalogued were written on Accession Document Record forms for their accession file folders since no complete descriptions are to be found in our present catalogue.

Conducted Trips:

A total of 21 visitors participated in 5 Bayshore Walks conducted during Sept.

The first day of September District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Walman Sinaga, Dept. of Forestry, Indonesia, and seven representatives of the InterAmerican Forestry group, Costa Rica, to West Lake and Mahogany Hammock. This orientation took the entire day.

Then on the 12th, Park Naturalist Inman took Mr. Tanaka, photographer from Tokyo, out in the boat for 3 hours for bird pictures - after a slight delay to put a quick charge on the battery. There was a language problem, so every time Inman saw a photo-potential, she stopped the boat and pointed, and Tanaka set up his tripod. He got some beautiful shots of osprey and herons.

The morning of Sept. 27 Peter Hope-Jones of the British Nature Conservancy came to Flamingo to go over interpretive methods and plans. District Naturalist McKenzie escorted him to West Lake and the Mangrove Trail. That afternoon "Jones, the Birds," treated us to his slides of North Wales.

The EPC Tram finally got a screen on one car - a poor fit and not too efficient. When a second car was used, it was without benefit of screen.

On Sept. 29 Park Naturalist Inman audited GeneHinkle's tram trip and taped his narrative which turned out very poorly since he is still using the portable P.A . and is quite hard to hear above the rumbling of the tram.

Talks and Campfire Programs:

A total of 139 visitors attended 8 evening programs held in the EPC auditorium in September.

District Naturalist McKenzie gave an off-site evening program on Sept. 24 to 23 members of the Palmetto Garden Club, Perrine - a small group but very enthusiastic, and kept McKenzie another hour answering questions.

Interpretive Personnel, Planning, and Training:

During the month of September District Naturalist McKenzie spent a total of 17 days at Headquarters as Acting Assistant Chief Naturalist while Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman was on leave and attending a class at Harpers Ferry, and Chief Naturalist Miller was attending a conference and on leave. Park Naturalist Inman had special assignments at Headquarters Sept. 13 and 19.

The Interpretive Prospectus for ENP was submitted to Regional Office Sept. 20.

District Naturalist McKenzie was selected for Communications: Writing Course at Harpers Ferry to be given in October although Glades District Naturalist Ed Mazzer was given first nomination last month for this course. McKenzie took 4 hours annual leave on Sept. 20.

Park Naturalist Inman enrolled in the U.S. Power Squadron course in Piloting - a 15 week course starting Sept. 5, held Thurs. evenings in Homestead. Also attending from Flamingo is Ranger Delashmutt and his wife.

On Sept. 18 Ranger Delashmutt took Park Naturalist Inman and the new Assistant District Ranger Joe Kastellic (arrived Flamingo Sept. 15) on an orientation trip by boat to Key Largo. Inman charted the route for her later use. On 2 of her lieu days she took the ENHA boat out to keep the battery up and to explore Fla. Bay.

Publications:

On Sept. 25 Park Naturalist Inman turned in the first draft for the Mangrove Trail leaflet and three liftboxes. On Sept. 22 she completed a 5 page "letter" to Mike Frome for his "Photo Guide to the National Parks." He wanted an interpretation of the significance of ENP as well as what and where to photograph.

Special Programs:

E.S.A.: On Sept. 17 District Naturalist McKenzie did an on-site inspection of the proposed ESA and a second inspection 9-23.

ENHA Boat - Maintenance:

On Sept. 4 District Naturalist McKenzie called Mrs. Crannell of Taylor Mfg. Co. about replacement windshield. She said it would be shipped the following day.

On Sept. 18 a leak in the boat's gas tank was discovered: a pool of fuel covered the deck. The tank was removed and inspection showed it had rusted from the inside. The boat was thoroughly cleaned. It is now limited to 21 gal., or 3 hours, unless extra cans are borrowed from the Rangers, in which case extra oil must be taken along to bring their ratio of oil to gas from 1/2 1/6 to 1/6.

On Sept. 26 Park Naturalist Inman made a card with "Operations Procedures for ENHA Boat" to be inclused with the chart case. On Sept. 29 she finished color-coding the boat's tools and water can, put all wet cloth gear out to dry in the sun, then stored the top and side curtains in the Rangers' shed until the windshield is installed and we can put the Bimini up and keep the rain out - or, until we get a "dry" slip. Maintenance Foreman Smith installed a water tap by our far slip so we can get a hose to the boat to wash it.

Miscellaneous Activities:

On Sept. 4 Park Naturalist Inman was orientated to the new fire engine by Ranger Mayer: drove it to all the plugs and bled them, then operated the hose off the truck.

On Sept. 18 Mrs. Abbott came to claim her cat Amber which had strayed a month earlier while she was camping at Flamingo. A fishing captain found her in his boat and turned her over to Park Naturalist Inman who was glad to keep her for the 4 days. Inman is now equipped with box, litter, food, and dishes for any future runaways.

Sept. 20 the Glades District Rangers borrowed our vehicle which is the only one with a ball hitch. (3/4 inch)

Sept. 26 Park Naturalist Inman "cleaned house" - removed paint from closet to maintenance area, and threw away stacks of old magazines after culling pertinent articles from them. She also culled the collections of shells and artifacts contibuted by George Stevenson.

Sept. 30 District Ranger Tom Hartman arrived.

Mary Inman

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: October 5, 1968

: Gulf Coast District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative, Sept., 1968

Weather

Total rainfall for the month was 14.59 in.. Extremes in temperature were 93 and 67. Small craft warnings were flown when a tropical depression passed through the area on the 26th.

Travel

A total of 2,000 visitors stopped at the Gulf Coast Ranger Station during the month, with 3750 other visitors entering the Park by boat. Due to the District Naturalist being on leave most of the month only an estimated 150 visitors were contacted at the information desk during the month. The Concessioner took 64 trips with a total of 398 people.

Visitor

Mr. Peter Hope Jones, Warden Naturalist, England, was given a special tour of the District by Park Ranger Dale on the 28th and 29th.

Research and Observations

Wood storks have been seen moving down into the District from the north. One pair was observed on the 29th by District Ranger Johnson.

Local fishermen report that snook fishing is on the decline in the Gulf but that they're being taken on the inside. Pampano and mullet are the main catches of commercial fishermen.

Interpretive Activities

District Naturalist Truesdell was on Annual Leave September 3rd thru the end of the month.

William G. Truesdell

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Superintendent December 2, 1968

Chief Park Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report - October, 1968

GENERAL

Visitors - Visitors included Lt. Commander Johnson of the U.S. Coast Guard; Superintendent Borin of the National Audubon Society, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary; Mr. and Mrs. Manny Morris, WASO; Walter J. Kenner, Naturalist, Florida Board of Parks and Park Ranger McHenry, from Collier Seminole State Park.

Mr. Harold Strang of Brazil was escorted through the Park by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Tillman.

Mrs. Susan Sherman from the Detroit TV news were in the Gulf Coast District filming scenes in the 10,000 islands but were forced to postpone filming due to Hurricane Gladys.

Personnel - Seasonal Ranger-Naturalist Sam Mendlen, who had been on Intermittent Status for several months was reassigned as a full time seasonal on the 5th.

District Naturalist Truesdell returned to duty October 5 after a trip to California. On October 17 Mr. Truesdell and District Ranger Johnson and Park Ranger Dale were involved in an auto accident.

District Naturalist McKenzie attended a course in Writing Communications held at Mather Training Center in Harpers Ferry, October 7 - 18.

On October 3 all Interpretation Division personnel attended a training session conducted by Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman on National Park Service Environmental Education programs. In the afternoon all personnel went to the Royal Palm area to explore the proposed Royal Palm Environmental Study Area.

INTERPRETATION, CONSERVATION AND USE

Glades District - Total rainfall in the Glades District amounted to 9.57 inches.

Visitors to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 8,343 for the month, which was an increase of 1,825 over September. At Royal Palm 11,603 individuals visited the area as compared to 12,439 during September. The guided walk on the Anhinga Trail was presented 50 times for 805 visitors. The walk was rained out ten times during the month.

Four off-site talks were given during the month. On the 8th District Naturalist Mazzer gave a talk to 28 members of the XYZ Club of Homestead. In the afternoon he gave a talk to the National Association of Retired Civil Employees of Homestead with 26 in attendance. On the 10th, he gave a talk to 150 students at Miami Edison Junior High School, and on the 25th Seasonal Naturalist Phil Givens gave a talk to 160 Girl Scouts in the Homestead area.

The dredging of Taylor Slough adjacent to the Anhinga Trail boardwalk is beginning to pay dividends. Observing aquatic life is much easier now that the thick cover of water lilies has been taken out.

On the 4th, the previously dismantled portion of the Anhinga Trail was replaced and the trail loop is again open to the public.

On the 9th, three audio phones were installed on the railing in front of the mural in the Parachute Key Visitor Center. The purpose of these is to interpret the mural.

Mangrove District - An estimated 7,278 visitors, 122 of whom were personally contacted entered the Flamingo Visitor Center. A total of 39 visitors participated in four Bayshore Walks conducted during October.

On October 24 Mr. McKenzie narrated an all day boat trip for a group of 35 representatives of the Natural Resources Council of America and several National Park Service personnel including former Superintendent Roger Allin, who were meeting in Flamingo.

A total of 380 visitors attended seven evening programs offered in October.

On October 14 Park Naturalist Inman went to Key Largo by boat to obtain information for the Place Names File for that sub-district.

Gulf Coast District - Visitation for the month was 10,788 compared to 7,328 for October, 1967. Visitors to the Ranger Station at Everglades totaled 3,150. The Shark Valley Loop Road remained closed due to high water. The concessioner took 60 boat trips with 448 passengers.

On the 14th Mr. Truesdell visited the Miami Weather Bureau Hurricane Center to pick up exhibits on hurricanes.

During the month a considerable amount of time was spent on the text to accompany strip maps of the Wilderness Waterway.

Pat H. Miller

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Memorandum

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: November 21, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

T: Monthly Narrative Report - October, 1968

Weather - The month of October produced a varying day to day weather picture. Most days were sunny with scattered clouds with other days being completely cloudy or pouring down rain. One of the two highlights during the month was the sighting of a large water spout on October 3rd. Dick Klukas took a series of photos of various forms of the spout. We plan to have several slides of the spout reproduced for our slide file. The second highlight was closing of the Park on the 17th due to the threat of Hurricane Gladys. No damage was reported in the Glades District.

Total rainfall for the month amounted to 9.57 inches in the Glades District, which helped to maintain a high water level in Taylor Slough and the ponds at the Parachute Key Visitor Center. The water gauge at Taylor Slough registered 4.00 feet at the end of the month.

Travel - Visitors to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 8,343 for the month, which was an increase of 1,825 over September. At Royal Palm 11,603 individuals visited the area as compared to 12,439 during September. The guided walk on the Anhinga Trail was presented 50 times for 805 visitors. The walk was rained out ten times during the month.

There were 48 states, one U.S. Territory, 27 foreign countries and six Canadian Provinces represented in the Royal Palm area during the month.

Special Activities - Four off-site talks were given during the month. On the 8th the District Naturalist gave a talk to 28 members of the XYZ Club of Homestead. In the afternoon he gave a talk to the National Association of Retired Civil Employees of Homestead, Florida, with 26 in attendance. On the 10th a talk was given by the District Naturalist to 150 students of the Miami Edison Junior High School. On the 25th, Seasonal Naturalist Phil Givens gave a talk to 160 Girl Scouts in the Homestead area.

Miscellaneous - The two 16mm movie projectors taken to Dan's Camera Clinic of Miami for preventive maintenance have been returned.

Personnel - Seasonal Ranger-Naturalist Sam Mendlen who had been on Intermittent Status for several months was reassigned as a full time seasonal on the 5th.

The Glades District is now operating with three permanent, one seasonal, and one intermittent naturalist. This number will be reduced in the very near future.

CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION AND USE

The dreging of Taylor Slough adjacent to the Anhinga Trail boardwalk is beginning to pay dividens. Observing aquatic life is much easier now that the thick cover of water lilies has been taken out.

Research and Observations - As a whole, the wildlife display at Royal Palm was not very spectacular. The next month or two should see a big increase of wildlife in the area.

A coral snake was captured at the Pine Island residential area.

During the month several diamondback rattlesnakes were seen on the Gumbo Limbo Trail. Two were captured and released at other locations in the Park.

Interpretative Activities - On the 4th, the previously dismantled portion of the Anhinga Trail was replaced and the trail loop is again open to the public.

On the 9th, three audio phones were installed on the railing in front of the mural in the Parachute Key Visitor Center. The purpose of the phones is to interpret the mural by using an audio tape that is activated by pushing a control button near the phones.

Naturalist Ruth Mendlen continues to provide replacement slides for the AV program in the Parachute Key Visitor Center. Ruth is also working on editing and adding new slides to the master slide file.

Naturalist Maude Harriott continues to keep the stock of books sold at the Parachute Key Visitor Center at a safe level of availability as well as other items. Maude is also working on the historical picture file.

On the 10th the Coehorn mortar was taken to the George Peace Mill works in Miami for the purpose of fitting the tube to the gun base. The mortar bed should be completed during November.

Edomo P. Mazzer

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: November 15, 1968

I : Mangrove District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report - October, 1968

General - October was generally warm and abnormally wet, as Flamingo registered 9.67 inches of rainfall. Hurricane Gladys stirred some excitement October 16 causing evacuation of visitors and residents from Flamingo. However, Flamingo caught only the fringe of it and no damage occurred. Winds up to about 40 knots and 2.69 inches of rainfall were recorded. Pleasant weather at the end of the month attracted increasing numbers of visitors.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations - An estimated 7,278 visitors, 122 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month.

A report on interpretive facilities, listing floor area and number and age of exhibits in each, was submitted to Headquarters to be incorporated into the Park report to SERO.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - Park Naturalist Inman worked on museum records at Headquarters October 17 while waiting for clearance to return to Flamingo following Hurricane Gladys.

On October 28 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman cleaned most of the exhibits and fixtures in the museum.

On October 30 District Naturalist McKenzie replaced the incandescent lights in the "Cape Sable" and "Rare Animals" exhibits with fluorescent fixtures, greatly improving the illumination in both.

Wildflowers of the Southeastern United States, Ecology of North America, and The Spider Book were added to the Flamingo library. District Naturalist McKenzie reorganized the library October 23.

Self-Guiding Facilities - On October 26 Park Naturalist Inman removed a horde of ants from a lift box on the Mahogany Hammock Trail.

Conducted Trips - A total of 39 visitors participated in four Bayshore Walks conducted during October.

On October 2 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Harold Strang of Brazil from Headquarters to Flamingo. Stops enroute included Pinelands Trail, Pa-Hay-Okee, Mahogany Hammock and West Lake.

On October 24 District Naturalist McKenzie narrated an all day boat trip for a group of about 35 representatives of the Natural Resources Council of America and several National Park Service personnel, including former Superintendent Roger Allin, who were meeting at Flamingo. The cruise went to Ponce de Leon Bay, returned to Flamingo via the Joe River, then was climaxed with a short trip into Florida Bay to observe birds feeding on the mud flats. McKenzie scouted the route the previous day to plan his presentation.

On October 25 Park Naturalist Inman escorted six wives of National Resource Council representatives to Pine Island, stopping at Mahogany Hammock and Pa-Hay-Okee. After lunch, hostessed by Mrs. Raftery, the group toured the Anhinga Trail before returning to Flamingo. Miss Inman reported that these women are vitally concerned about the alligators decline and intend to initiate action to stop the sale of alligator products.

Park Naturalist Inman audited the Whitewater Bay Cruise, narrated by new stewardess Carol Brown, October 31. She reported that Miss Brown, employed only about two weeks earlier, performed well under the circumstances. Sometime in November Misses Inman and Brown will mark specific features along Buttonwood Canal to enable cruise participants to spot them more easily.

Talks and Campfire Programs - A total of 380 visitors attended seven evening programs offered in October. Two programs were cancelled, one when Hurricane Gladys forced evacuation of Flamingo on October 16 and the other on the following Saturday because of the auditorium not being ready for use.

District Naturalist McKenzie presented an introduction and conclusion to two movies - "Prowlers of the Everglades" and "Death of an Alligator" - shown to the Natural Resources Council on the evening of October 24.

The evening program on October 26 was scheduled at 7:00 instead of 8:00 to accommodate a group of families comprising about 60 individuals from Kendall Methodist Church.

The Park Company repainted the auditorium, waxed its floor, and installed several new fluorescent light fixtures October 28 and 29 in preparation for a meeting of General Hosts presidents at Flamingo on the 30 and 31. Our request to have that dingy place repainted last summer was turned down, and it was more often dirty than clean. How we impress park visitors of course is far less important than the impressions of company presidents.

Interpretive Planning - On October 3 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman, along with several other staff members inspected and appraised the proposed Royal Palm Environmental Study area. Several days later each submitted a portion of a written description of the area. Later in the month Long Pine Key was designated as the Environmental Study Area, invalidating much of this work. District Naturalist McKenzie was also at Headquarters October 1, 2, and 4 to work on the Environmental Study Area description.

Also on October 3 Park Naturalist McKenzie and Inman attended a training session conducted by Assistant Chief Naturalist Tillman of National Park Service Environmental Education programs.

Park Naturalist Inman submitted a historical narrative for the proposed Flamingo area handbook October 27.

Research and Observations - Park Naturalist Inman made bird surveys on the Bear Lake Road October 7, at Lake Ingraham October 8, at Rookery Branch and along the Joe River October 12, along the Park road October 20 and 26, and at Lake Ingraham and Cape Sable on October 29.

Mr. Robert Kearney reported the first observation of white pelicans October 19.

On October 14 Park Naturalist Inman went to Key Largo by boat to obtain information for the Place Names File for that subdistrict. She located only one reference, who supplied information for one place name.

Interpretive Personnel and Training - District Naturalist McKenzie attended a course in writing communications held at Mather Training Center in Harpers Ferry October 7 - 18.

On October 8 Park Naturalist Inman participated in a training session on the proper use of fire extinguishers conducted by Park Ranger DeLashmutt for Flamingo women.

District Naturalist McKenzie was on annual leave October 21.

On October 23 Chief Naturalist Miller brought Assistant Superintendent Kennedy to Flamingo for orientation.

District Naturalist McKenzie attended the afternoon meeting of the Natural Resources Council October 25 after taking the group photography.

District Naturalist McKenzie was at Headquarters October 25 and 29.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs - The standby Kodak Pageant movie projector, an old unit, was returned to Headquarters for shipment to the AV Depot after it failed to operate for the Natural Resources Council program October 24.

Safety and Health - Park Naturalist Inman received medical treatment for a rash apparently resulting from contact with poison ivy or poisonwood during her exploration of the proposed Royal Palm Environmental Study Area October 3.

Miscellaneous Activities - On October 1 a full gallon container of stock formaldehyde broke in the naturalist vehicle, and about half the fluid spilled onto the floorboard. The car still has a rather distinctive smell.

Layson Marine Co. of Homestead installed the new plexiglass windshield on the ENHA boat October 3. It was returned to the water the following day. It was removed for Hurricane Gladys October 16, stored at Pine Island, and returned October 18. Park Naturalist Inman waxed it on the 18.

District Naturalist McKenzie and his wife attended the Natural Resources Council banquet on the evening of October 25. They also attended the Chickee Party at Pine Island the following evening. Park Naturalist Inman served as a judge for the annual Halloween Party held at Smith Hall October 28.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: November 12, 1968

: Gulf Coast District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, October 1968

Weather - The weather for the month was variable with a 90° high temperature and 53° low. Hurricane "Gladys" moved up the west coast out in the Gulf from the 15th to the 17th bringing about 3.5 inches of rain but causing no damage to the area. Rainfall for the month totaled 9.03 inches.

Travel - Visitation for the month was 10,788 compared to 7,328 for October, 1967. Visitors to the Ranger Station at Everglades totaled about 3,150. The Shark Valley Loop Road remained closed due to high water. The concessioner took 60 boat trips with 448 passengers.

Visitors - Visitors included Lt. Commander Johnson of the U.S. Coast Guard; Superintendent Borin of the National Audubon Society, Corkscrew Swamp sanctuary, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Manny Morris, WASO; Walter J. Kenner, Naturalist, Florida Board of Parks and Park Ranger McHenry, from Collier Seminole State Park.

Personnel - District Naturalist Truesdell, District Ranger Johnson and Park Ranger Dale were involved in an auto accident on October 17 and reports have been filed.

Miscellaneous - Park Naturalist Truesdell returned to duty October 5 after a vacation trip to California.

Interpretive Activities - On the 14th District Naturalist Truesdell visited the Miami Weather Bureau Hurricane Center, and picked up exhibits on hurricanes. On the 15th Hurricane "Gladys" moved into the Gulf.

On October 10th the District Naturalist met with Walter Kenner, Naturalist, Florida Board of Parks and Park Ranger McHenry, Collier Seminole State Park concerning interpretive programs to be given at Collier Seminole during the winter season.

On October 15 Mrs. Susan Sherman and her team from the Detroit TV news were in the area filming scenes in the 10,000 islands. They were forced to postpone their filming because of "Gladys" and will return in November. District Naturalist Truesdell and District Ranger Johnson assisted the team by providing special boat tours into many areas.

On October 27 and 28, Mr. and Mrs. Manny Morris, WASO, were in the area. District Naturalist Truesdell took them on local tours of Everglades - Chokoloskee area to look at local development and Messers Johnson and Truesdell took them down the waterway to look at inholdings within the Park.

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During the month a considerable amount of time was spent on the text to accompany strip maps of the Wilderness Waterway.

Research and Observations - A good bird show began to build up during the last week of the month. Thousands of egrets, herons, and ibis lined Turner and Chatham Rivers on several days. A scattering of woodstorks and spoonbills were also found within these flocks. During the last week of the month several large flocks of woodstorks have been observed moving south into the Park.

Special Activities - With the occurrence of Hurricane "Gladys", district personnel spent several days "boarding up", evacuating, and reorganizing from the 16th through the 20th.

William G. Truesdell

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: December 9, 1968

: Gulf Coast District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report, November, 1968

Weather - The weather turned dry and cool during November. Rainfall amounted to only 1.15 inches and the first northern cold front pushed down into the area dropping temperatures to a low of 39^0. Typical of November, however, we also had a high of 84^o.

Travel - Travel during the month was spotty. The cooler days dropped visitation way down while warm weekends showed a steady increase in winter visitors. Approximately 4200 visitors stopped by the station during the month. The concessioner conducted 82 trips with 783 people participating.

Visitors - Mrs. Susan Sherman, National Television news; Wilderness Society members; Rangers Ken Morgan and Bill Supernaugh, Natchez Trace Parkway, and a special group at Lostman's consisting of John and Tom Pennekamp, Herman LaCerne, Robert Knight, Nixon Smiley, and Superintendent Raftery.

Interpretative Activities - Interpretation at the Gulf Coast was officially eliminated as of November 15 because of orders to cut back in interpretive activities, due to manpower cutbacks. Informal public contacts still continue with a slight increase in visitation.

On November 3 and 4, a special tour of the area was provided for Mrs. Susan Sherman and her National TV news crew.

On November 17 and 18 special tours were given to the Wilderness Society. Including a trip from Flamingo to Everglades by the waterway, and a trip through the 10,000 Islands.

Research and Observations - Bird shows continued to be good in the coastal rivers and along the Tamiami Trail. About 200 white pelicans were observed over the station on one occasion. More and more woodstorks are being observed overhead daily, and one common loon was observed near Tiger Key on the Wilderness Society trip. Also on that trip two alligators were seen in Alligator Creek.

William G. Truesdell

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: Chief Naturalist

DATE: December 16, 1968

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report - November, 1968

General

Weather - The first half of the month produced days that were pleasantly warm and sunny, interspaced with a few days of rain. The latter half of the month introduced the expected cold weather. Several days were cold enough to stimulate the wearing of jackets and coats. Cold days and nights can be expected for the next several months.

Total rainfall for the Glades District amounted to 1.12 inches, and 85.23 inches for the year to date.

The water level gauge at Royal Palm registered 4.00 feet on the first of the month with a reading of 2.20 at the end of the month or a drop of 21 inches for the month.

Travel - Visitors entering the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 11,092 for the month which was an increase of 2,649 over the previous month. Royal Palm recorded 20,251 in the area as compared to 11,603 for October. All of the self-guiding trails have shown an increase in use. This trend should continue for the next several months.

Visitors to Royal Palm represented 48 of the 50 states. Also represented were 5 Canadian Provinces, 18 Foreign countries and 1 of the U.S. territories - the Philippines.

Miscellaneous - The dredge was finally pulled from Taylor Slough. Since the cleaning of the Slough there has been a noticeable increase in the use of the area by aquatic and birdlife.

The services of four Ranger Aids were utilized for the first time this season. It is hoped the new girls will be oriented quickly so they will be of service to the expected large influx of visitors within the next few months.

The annual fish fry sponsored by the Ranger Aids was held at the Chickee at Pine Island on November 23. Approximately 200 people attended the outing.

To date, no final decision has been arrived at for the operation of the campgrounds by the Everglades Park Company. It is hoped the problem will be solved in the very near future to accommodate the beginning of the visitor season.

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Personnel - On November 2, Seasonal Naturalist Sam Mendlen was furloughed for several months. Sam will return to the traces sometime during April.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Protection - Several visitors cars at the Royal Palm parking lot were entered and items taken. The Ranger Division set up a one man observation post several times during the month in hopes of apprehending the culprit or culprits. So far, the observation post has been very successful although it does tie a man down for the entire day. Perhaps a "Please lock your car" sign could be placed at the entrance to the parking lot as a means of preventing potential thiefs.

Research and Observations - The sighting of 16 baby alligators along the Anhinga Trail occurred on the 10th.

The cold weather has brought with it large numbers of various species of birds into the Royal Palm area. The first purple gallinule of the season was seen on the 5th of the month.

Big Charlie was seen and heard roaring numerous times during the month.

On the night of the 25th a large panther was seen to cross the road at a point on the park side of the entrance sign.

There has been a substantial increase of snakes and gators along the Anhinga Trail during the month.

A large diamondback rattler has been sighted several times by visitors along the Gumbo Limbo Trail. The snake has eluded several attempts to capture for purpose of relocation in the park.

A large cottonmouth water moccasin was dispatched by Rangers when it was discovered on the lawn in the vicinity of the bunkhouse at Pine Island.

Interpretive Activities - Word was received from the Bureau of the Budget to curtail interpretive services as of the 15th of the month. It was decided by the Superintendent that Monday and Tuesday of each week will be the two days all interpretive services in the park will be suspended. The Parachute Key and Royal Palm Visitor Centers will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday. The order from higher officials has also affected the hiring of seasonal personnel.

With the furloughing of Seasonal Naturalist Sam Mendlen the Glades District was forced to operate with three permanents and one seasonal. To ease the problem several individuals from other Divisions were trained on the operation of the Parachute Key Visitor Center to provide periods of relief for the regularly scheduled interpretors manning the Visitor Center.

On the night of the 27th a Night Prowl walk along the two ponds adjacent to the Parachute Key Visitor Center was given to 45 individuals attending the regularly scheduled evening program. The prowl was well received and very much enjoyed.

During the month, film and slide programs depicting the park were sent to five off-site locations. Approximately 300 people attended the programs.

A total of 30 scheduled walks for 578 visitors were given along the Anhinga Trail for the first 15 days of the month. The scheduled talks were suspended as of the 16th due to the forced curtailment of interpretive services. Five special walks for 160 people, and two special talks for 145 people were initiated at Royal Palm during the month.

A total of 3,196 roving contacts were made in the Royal Palm area during November.

The Mahogany Hammock self-guiding trail was closed to allow repair of the elevated boardwalk. The trail should be opened sometime during the latter part of December.

The Pa-hay-okee self-guiding trail will be rejuvinated sometime during January, 1969.

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: January 14, 1969

M : Mangrove District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report - November, 1968

General - The weather was generally pleasant in November, though the first cold snap of the season occurred about mid-month. Seasonal rains extended into the first part of the month. Mosquito concentrations abated noticeably, and visitor use expectedly increased, particularly over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations - An estimated 9,316 visitors_____of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - Park Naturalist Inman added another roll of slides to the Flamingo slide file.

Park Naturalist Inman accessioned and cataloged a number of historical specimens located at Fort Jefferson.

The popularity of the Flamingo area maps indicates that they are satisfying a visitor need for orientation help. Park Naturalist Inman cut a new stencil for both maps late in the month when the original wore out. District Naturalist McKenzie spoke to Everglades Park Company Manager Ken Wilkey, November 29, about sharing the cost of a lithographed map with the Everglades Natural History Association. Wilkey was receptive to the idea.

Park Naturalist Inman drew a matching key to the marine shells placed on display in the "Cape Sable" exhibit at the end of the month. It will later be mounted on the exhibit for identification purposes.

Self-Guiding Facilities - Reconstruction of the Mahogany Hammock Trail commenced November 11. Park Naturalist Inman was there early that morning to talk to the crew about resource protection and to identify poisonous plants for them. Miss Inman had removed some interpretive labels from the trail the previous day and the workmen removed the remainder that week. On November 13 District Naturalist McKenzie went to Mahogany Hammock to discuss reconstruction plans and resource protection with the foreman and to remove the two large exhibits at the trail head, but the foreman assured him removal would not be necessary. McKenzie and Maintenance Man Baker removed the two lift boxes on the trail before returning to Flamingo.

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The Mangrove Trail was closed for rehabilitation November 20. Construction workers removed the interpretive signs.

District Naturalist McKenzie inspected the Mahogany Hammock Trail November 22 and the Mangrove Trail November 27.

On November 7 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman attempted a trip over the West Lake Canoe Trail but the 3 hp motor failed about 200 yards from the exhibit shelter.

Conducted Trips - A total of 215 visitors participated in 8 Bayshore Walks conducted in November. A regular Saturday morning walk was added to the schedule November 23, and two additional walks were scheduled Thanksgiving weekend.

On November 10 District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied Dr. Frank Craighead and a group of biologists representing the Organization of Tropical Studies on a boat trip up the Robert's River.

On November 16 Park Naturalist Inman met members of the Wilderness Society's Executive Board at Park Headquarters, conducted them on a tour of the Anhinga Trail, and accompanied them to Flamingo. The following day park rangers took the group to Everglades City by boat.

On November 30 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Alston Jenkins, President of the Philadelphia Conservationists, and his brother John on a canoe trip to Gator Lake. Two new stewardesses were hired by the Everglades Park Company.

Talks and Campfire Programs - A total of 1,384 visitors attended 11 evening programs during the month. District Naturalist McKenzie presented an illustrated talk and the movie "Highlights of the Everglades" to 109 people at the Miami Public Library November 1. The program was part of the Tropical Audubon Society's Youth Program series.

On November 8 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman began getting the amphitheater ready for winter use. Assisted by Maintenanceman Baker and Alcorn, they replaced and sanded the benches, mounted the speaker, checked the audiovisual equipment, cleared vegetation around the screen, dug and lined the fire pit, painted the screen and cleaned the facility. Miss Inman later continued sanding the benches, placed bench location markers in the ground, gave the screen an extra coat of white paint, and repainted the screen supports and projection box. On November 15, McKenzie completed sanding benches and tightened bench supports, while Inman refinished about half of them with wood preservative. Painter Prescott finished the job November 20 and 21.

The evening program November 9 was held outdoors in anticipation of a large audience. Programs were moved to the amphitheater for the winter November 26.

Research and Observations - Park Naturalist Inman made a bird concentration survey November 4 and submitted a report.

A magnificent frigatebird was observed soaring over the Visitor Center November 27.

Maintenanceman Alcorn observed a dead panther, apparently a road kill, at the Snake Bight turnoff November 14. Hedid not stop to examine it, but decided to pick it up later when he returned to West Lake to clean the restrooms. By that time the animal was gone, but he saw a live panther in the same vicinity and observed it a second time on his return to Flamingo.

Interpretive Personnel and Training - The Park officially began the "Operation Crunch" five day week November 15.

District Naturalist McKenzie was at Headquarters November 4, 14 and 27 for interpretive staff meetings November 5 for a general staff meeting, and November 22. Park Naturalist Inman accompanied him on the 4th.

Protection Activities - Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman assisted District Ranger Hartman with the evacuation of four injured plane crash victims November 8. Their light plane went down in one of Lostman's Bays, where they were rescued by two fishermen. The men were removed to Homestead Air Force Base by Coast Guard helicopters.

On November 7 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Inman participated in a training session on commercial fishing given by Assistant Chief Ranger Stokes at Flamingo.

District Naturalist McKenzie stopped a speeder November 13.

Miscellaneous Activities - The annual equipment inventory was taken November 17 and submitted a few days later.

Park Naturalist Inman finished the first draft of an Environmental Study Area introductory slide program, taped it, and presented it to the interpretive staff at Headquarters for a critique November 27.

District Naturalist McKenzie reviewed a draft of a proposed article about a canoe trip written by Mr. David Kane and submitted his evaluation to the Chief Naturalist.

The student minister for the winter season, Mr. Arthur Hanna, arrived at Flamingo November 20. Regular church services began the following Sunday.

Local chickee parties were held at Flamingo November 9 and 16.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: January 14, 1969

M : Gulf Coast District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative, December 1968

Weather - The weather for the month was dry and at times cold. Several cold fronts moved into the area dropping temperatures to 29^0 on one occasion. Total rainfall was .15 inches.

Travel - A total of 6960 visitors entered the District building during December. Of that total approximately 1500 were contacted by uniform personnel. The Park Concessioner conducted 145 trips with 2320 visitors. This is an increase in visitation of 98% over December 1967 when 3,517 visitors entered the station.

Visitors - Doyle Kline, Staff Park Ranger, SERO
Nixon Smiley, Staff writer, Miami Herald
Richard Tatlock, Fish and Wildlife Research Advisor
Walter Gammill, Yosemite District Park Ranger
Tom Ritter, Naturalist, Timpanogos Cave National Monument

Personnel - District Naturalist Truesdell attended the training school on Narcotics and Law Enforcement on the 2nd, the Fire Training School on the 3rd and the Supervisor and Group Performance Course from the 9th to the 13th.

Interpretive Activities - With the elimination of interpretation in the Gulf Coast District, the information desk was not operated during the month; however, a tremendous number of visitors came into the office for more information about the Park. The Christmas week visitation filled the parking lot and every boat trip for 8 consecutive days. An uncountable number of contacts were made at the Station during those days.

The District Naturalist completed a set of color charts and a set of pen and ink charts for the waterway from Everglades to Flamingo. Texts are being written for the backs of the charts covering fishing regulations, boating safety, back country survival, the history and archeology of the area and other related topics. After Nixon Smiley's article in the Miami Herald on the waterway, numerous correspondence came to the Station, most to Sammy Hamilton since his address was given, requesting additional information. Most of these were answered by the District Naturalist.

During the month, District Naturalist Truesdell guided Mr. Richard Tatlock on a special tour of the Mangrove area. Mr. Tatlock has been on a special assignment with the Fish and Wildlife Department, under Art Marshall,

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doing research on the effects of development on the Mangrove community.

Also during the month a special tour was given to Mr. Nixon Smiley of the Miami Herald by District Ranger Johnson. Mr. Smiley's article appeared in the December 16 Miami Herald and created considerable interest in the new waterway.

Research and Observations - Ospreys and Bald Eagles have begun nesting activities on the Gulf Coast.

William G. Truesdell

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist **DATE:** January 23, 1969

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report - December, 1968

Weather - The month of December was one of very little rainfall. Total for the month amounted to .09 inches in the Glades District. Total rainfall for the year amounted to 85.32 inches, which is somewhat above normal. The majority of days were mild and sunny with a few cloudy days. A high of 85 was reached thrice during the month with a low of 30 on the 16th. Approximately three cold fronts moving through the area were responsible for the low temperature, cold nights, and several cold days.

The water gauge along the Anhinga Trail recorded an elevation of 2,20 feet of water at the beginning of the month, and 1.70 feet by the end of the month or a drop of 1/2 feet.

Travel - Visitors to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 17,701 for the month or an increase of 5,609 over the November figure. The Royal Palm area experienced an impact of 28,808 visitors for the month. This was an increase of 8,557 individuals as compared to the November figure. The visitors to Royal Palm represented all of the fifty United States, 23 Foreign countries and five Canadian Provinces.

The Christmas and New Year people impact period began on Christmas Day and stayed with us through January 2nd, at which time the overwhelming visitation came to an abrupt end. An estimated 2,000 visitors per day used the Parachute Key Visitor Center during the two holiday period.

As of December 24th the Long Pine Key and Flamingo Campgrounds were turned over to the Everglades Park Co. to be operated on a daily charge basis. Numerous minor complaints were voiced concerning the price of $2.25 per night because no extra facilities were being offered at this time. However, both campgrounds were filled to the overflowing point during the Christmas and New Year period.

Miscellaneous - On the 21st a special fish fry was given by the Ranger Aids to a group of eight Noble Prize Winners. Needless to say the group had a good time and enjoyed the meal.

On the 21st, a Christmas party for the Park children was held at the Headquarters building. During the party Santa Claus was driven up to the party in the Park's fire engine. The blaring siren and flashing red light was an added attraction for the kiddies.

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Personnel - On the 1st, NPS Trainee, Larry Reed was assigned to the Interpretive Division until January 25th.

On the 8th, Seasonal Naturalist, Kelly Motherspaugh joined Interpretive staff for the 1968-69 season. Kelly came to us from Yellowstone.

The 9th was the last day of work for our Assistant Chief Naturalist, Larry Tillman. Larry accepted a promotional transfer to Cape Cod National Seashore as the Chief Naturalist.

Starting on the 6th, a three course on "Initial Emergency Care and Transportation of the Sick and Injured" sponsored by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons was attended by the District Naturalist. The course was given at the Bayfront Auditorium in Miami, Florida.

On the 9th through the 13th, the District Naturalist attended the "Supervisor and Group Performance Course sponsored by the CSC and held at the Park Headquarters. The instructors were Stan Robinson, EVP personnel officer and John Palmer, Chief Park Naturalist at Blue Ridge Parkway./

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Research and observations - On December 11th, a bobcat was seen crossing the road into Pine Island.

The wildlife display at Royal Palm has been tremendous. Early morning hours seem to be the best time to view large flocks of White Ibis, Wood Storkes, plus numerous other varities of birds.

A first of the month was the sighting of three otter crossing the Anhinga Trail. The observation took place on the 8th at 9:30 A.M.

The close observation of a pair of Anhingas participating in mating activities is continuing. It is hoped the pair will build a nest close to the Trail so it can be observed by the visitors.

On the 29th, a Red-shoulder hawk was seen flying over the Royal Palm Visitor Center with a snake clutched in its talons. No observation was made of what species the snake was or what the hawk did with it.

Interpretive activities - Our winter program was offically started on the 17th, of the month. The number of activities being offered have been reduced in comparison with last seasons activities because of Interpretive services not being given on Mondays and Tuesday due to a cut-back in personnel and appropriations.

On the 17th, two interpretive signs, from the Pa-Hay-Okee display were taken into a Homestead sign painter to be refurbished. The finished signs were replaced a few days later.

On the 18th, three 16mm movie projectors were taken into Miami for repairs.

The Coeharn Mortar was finally completed and picked up on the 18th. The mortar is to be placed at Fort Jefferson for display and firing demonstration purposes.

On the 12th, the transformer inone of the 16mm Graflex movie projectors burned up and had to be replaced.

The programs given on Wednesday evening at the Parachute Key Visitor Center continue to be attended by an average of 35 individuals per showing.

During the month films depicting the Park were sent to five off-site locations. Approximately 503 individuals viewed the presentations.

On the 18th, an illustrated talk was given to a group of 73 High School students in the Homestead are a. The talk was given be naturalist, Phil Givens.

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: January 29, 1969

: Mangrove District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report - December, 1968

General - December offered diverse weather conditions, including two cold snaps the latter half of the month as well as Florida's typical balmy weather. Visitation was light with the Christmas holidays and then - boom! The last week of the month was chaotic, but a heartening change in visitor character, and attitudes was evident. Perhaps because of camping fees now in effect, the retired "snowbirds" who formerly were so plentiful, were more sparse this year, thus making the campground available to vacationing families who were interested in Park values and, to a great extent, well informed about its significance.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations - An estimated 10,280 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during December. Of this number 495 were personally contacted.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - Additional shells common to the area were placed on display in the "Cape Sable" exhibit December 1.

Park Naturalist Inman organized a number of excess shells, donated previously, that will not be added to the permanent collection. They will be used as hand specimens.

A number of duplicate slides from the main file at Headquarters were added to the Flamingo file. Additional slides taken by Park Naturalist Inman for a slide program on wilderness were placed in the Flamingo collection.

Chief Naturalist Miller inspected museum facilities while he was at Flamingo December 4 and recommended potential improvements.

Self-Guiding Facilities - The Mahogany Hammock and Mangrove Trails remained closed the entire month as reconstruction progressed.

On December 4 District Naturalist McKenzie met Chief Naturalist Miller at Mahogany Hammock to inspect that trail and the Mangrove Trail. Mr. Miller critiqued Park Naturalist Inman's draft of the proposed Mangrove Trail leaflet, still in progress, at that time.

Park Naturalist Inman and Everglades Park Company stewardess Carol Brown canoed to Hell's Bay December 11 to photograph the route.

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District Naturalist McKenzie kayaked the Hell's Bay Canoe Trail December 2.

Conducted Trips - Three hour nature walks offered daily except Monday and Tuesday, were added to the Flamingo schedule for the winter season December 18.

The first walk went to Christian Point after the trail was moved the previous day.

Record crowds, including 120 visitors on one walk and 117 on another, participated in this activity during the week between Christmas and New Years Day. Attendance figures for conducted trips were as follows:

Bayshore walks	12 trips	438 visitors	36.5 average
Nature walks	10 trips	506 visitors	50.6 average

District Naturalist McKenzie reviewed the proposed Roberts River cruise narrative written by Everglades Park Company Stewardess Carol Brown. It is brief, shallow, and requires a more professional finish. The trip, a new addition to the concessioner's cruise schedule, had not commenced by the end of the month.

On December 7 Park Naturalist Inman and Everglades Park Company Stewardess Carol Brown cleared vegetation along Buttonwood Canal to facilitate interpretation of the Everglades Park Company's Whitewater Bay Cruise.

District Naturalist McKenzie audited Trainee Carl Fleming's first Bayshore Walk December 21. Park Naturalist Inman audited the same activity the following day.

Talks and Campfire Programs - A schedule of campfire programs, daily except Monday and Tuesday was implemented for the winter season, December 8. All talks this season will employ environmental themes or conceptual strands, to interpret the significant elements of the Park.

A total of 2,231 visitors attended the 14 campfire programs presented in December.

Park Naturalist Inman presented a new illustrated program entitled "The Ever-Changing Everglades" for the first time December 27.

Chief Naturalist Miller audited Park Naturalist Inman's program December 4. Distirct Naturalist McKenzie audited Miss Inman's evening program December 14 and Trainee Carl Fleming's first program December 22.

Former seasonal naturalist George Stevenson borrowed a projector and slides December 25 to present an illustrated program to participants in the Florida Science Study Program at Flamingo. Mr. Stevenson was employed by program director Doris Timpano for this purpose because the naturalist staff was unable to meet her program demands.

Interpretive Personnel and Training - District Naturalist McKenzie participated in a Supervision and Group Performance course given at Park Headquarters December 9 - 13 by Chief Naturalist John Palmer of Blue Ridge Parkway.

Trainee Carl Flemingo began a six-week tour of duty with the Interpretive Division December 17. He received instruction in interpretive methods and audited most activities during his first week before taking emergency annual leave from December 25 through the end of the month upon the sudden death of his father.

Ranger-Naturalist Bruce Hawkins entered on duty December 29 for the winter season.

Park Naturalist Inman recently appointed to the Park Safety Committee, attended her first meeting December 12.

District Naturalist McKenzie held a Christian Ministry Committee meeting December 18.

District Naturalist McKenzie went to Headquarters December 5, 6, 16, 22, and 27 for meetings with Chief Naturalist Miller, primarily to formulate a winter interpretive program. He was at Headquarters December 19 and 20 as Acting Chief Naturalist. Park Naturalist Inman accompanied him to Headquarters December 5.

On December 19 Mr. Michael Baker obtained collaborator status to implement a research project on six species of shorebirds in the Flamingo area. He plans to continue his study through the winter.

District Naturalist McKenzie took two hours annual leave December 22.

Chief Naturalist Miller was at Flamingo December 4 and 8.

Research and Observations - Maintenance Foreman Charlie Smith observed five flamingoes flying over the NPS maintenance area December 15.

District Naturalist McKenzie, Trainee Fleming, and Collaborator Baker drove out the old coastal prairie road to Clubhouse Beach December 22 to inspect the route as well as to determine the shorebird concentration there.

Miscellaneous Activities - An aluminum gas tank to fit under the front seat of the Everglades Natural History Association boat was ordered from Dendney Sheet Metal Works in Miami December 13. It was ready on the 16th but could not be picked up at the Homestead Bus Depot until the 24th. It had not been installed by the end of the month.

The boat motor continued to run badly throughout the month. Plans are to take it to Homestead to be overhauled in January.

Chief Naturalist John Palmer of Blue Ridge Parkway, who had been at Everglades about a week earlier to present the Supervision and Group Performance course, returned for a Christmas week vacation with his family. They took a canoe trip to Bear Lake December 24 and a boat trip in the MFG to Shark River December 26.

The McKenzies and Park Naturalist Inman attended a farewell party for the Tillmans held at the Miller's on the evening of December 1.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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Memorandum

: Chief Naturalist

DATE: March 10, 1969

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, January, 1969

Weather - January provided the Glades District with an unusually and unexpected amount of rain which amounted to 5.70 inches for the month. Several cold fronts moving through the area was the probable cause for the large amount of rain. Highest temperature achieved during the month was 83 degrees, on the 9th. Low for the month was on the 8th - 45 degrees.

The Taylor Slough water gauge recorded a water elevation of 1.70 feet at the beginning of the month and 1.80 at the end of the month. Fluctuation of the water level was the result of sporadic rainfall.

Travel - Visitors entering the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 12,935 for the month. The figure was a decrease of 4,766 as compared to the previous month and a decrease of 11,416 as compared to the total for the same month in 1968. It is believed the unusually cold weather was partially to blame for the decrease. Another contributing factor was thought to be the charge of $2.25 per night to camp in the campgrounds which have been turned over to the concessioners to operate.

Visitors to the Royal Palm area amounted to 30,127. This was an increase of 1,319 as compared to last month's figure and a decrease of 2,850 as compared to the same month of 1968.

Forty-eight of the fifty states were represented at Royal Palm along with six of the Canadian Provinces and twenty Foreign Countries.

Personnel - On January 2, Miss Marilyn (Mare) Martin entered on duty as a seasonal Naturalist. Mare came to us from Wind Cave National Park, South Dakota.

The 25th was the last day for intake trainee, Larry Reed to be with the Interpretive Division. Larry was replaced by Stu Coleman who will be with us until the second week in March.

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Research and Observations - At 5 PM on the 13th, an otter was sighted crossing the road approximately 500 yards this side of the entrance to Royal Palm.

The main attraction on the boardwalk of the Anhinga Trail was the hatching of three Anhinga eggs. The event will repeat itself as there are three more nests in the close vicinity of the first nest.

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The month was very good for the sighting of numerous varieties of migrating birds especially in the Royal Palm area. Visitors with all sorts of camera paraphernalia waited for an hour or two in the cold early morning hours or the heat of the afternoon to snap a picture or two of a bird they had never seen before. Most cooperative of all were the numerous alligators basking in the sun or lying quietly in the water patiently waiting for a tasty morsel to come along.

A bi-weekly bird observation period has been initiated by the Naturalist in cooperation with Research Biologist, John Ogden. Purpose of the field trips is for the identification of birds.

Interpretive Activities - During the week of the 13th two movie films were received; one was "For All to Enjoy" a film which depicts the overcrowding and misuse of our National Parks, the other entitled "A Matter of Time" depicts the rapid destruction of the heritage of the people of the United States by various types of pollution and by overcrowding.

During the month walks and talks were given to two school groups totaling 20 individuals. A talk and walk was also given to a group of 26 from the Garden Club of Italy.

Several off-site talks were given to local organizations totaling approximately 450 individuals. The request for off-site speakers is an increasing demand.

The Auto Primitive Trail was opened on the 15th. By the end of the month 529 visitors used the trail.

The Mahogany self-guiding trail was opened to the public after being closed for repairs to the boardwalk.

The Pa-Hay-Okee self-guiding trail was closed on the 18th for repairs. The repaired trail was reopened toward the latter part of the month.

Films depicting the Park were sent to eight off-site locations. Approximately 1,091 individuals viewed the films.

On the 30th, an information exhibit was sent to a meeting sponsored by the Audubon Society. The meeting was held in Fort Lauderdale.

On the 20th, the first ESA program was presented to a class of 30 form Neva King Cooper Elementary School. The selected area is in the locality of the Long Pine Key campground. A similar program was presented on the 29th to a group from A. L. Lewis School, Homestead.

Several campfire programs and night prowls were cancelled because of rain.

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Memorandum

: Chief Naturalist

DATE: February 6, 1969

: Gulf Coast District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report January, 1969

Weather - The weather for January was mostly cool and dry. The low temperature for the month was 44°, with a high of 79°. Several cold fronts passed through the area during the month. Rainfall totalled 1.80 inches.

Travel - A total of 6,249 visitors stopped at the District office during the month of January. Of that number 1,200 were contacted by uniformed personnel.

Visitors - Harold Peterson, Chief of the Branch of Curaterial Services, WASO and Ed Alberts, Interpretation, WASO.

Special Activity - The park Service Master Plan Team for Everglades was in the area January 22nd and 23rd. They were given a trip down the inside waterway with an overnight stop at Lostman's.

Interpretive Activities - The District Naturalist continued to work on the Guide to the Wilderness Waterway. Several trips were made to the University of Miami Press to confer with Mr. Sumann and Miss Edellen about publication of the booklet. On January 29th, a trip through the waterway was made to make a final check on the accuracy of the charts and to assign numbers to each marker.

On January 14th, District Naturalist Truesdell presented a program on the History of Everglades National Park at the January meeting of the Collier County Historical Society.

The film "Gateway to the Water Wilderness" was loaned to the Baptist Church of Everglades. 28 people viewed the film.

The Shark Valley Road remains closed. An inspection trip during the month showed the road surface on the outbound road to be very rough. The inbound road is stil covered by fill material from the dredging operation.

Research and Observations - On January 1st and 2nd Messers, Truesdell, and Ogden made two trips to the outside keys and through the 10,000 islands.

Bird observations during the month included: 7 surf scoters seen on several days at the mouth of Sandfly Pass on the Gulf, smooth-billed anis seen at the Ranger Station, short tailed hawk seen on Tom's Creek and several Frigate birds in the areas of Pavillion Key and Sandfly Pass.

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Alligators were seen more frequently during the month, most likely due to the dropping of water in the glades. Gators were seen in Broad Creek, Rodgers River Cutoff, Harney River and Alligator Creek.

During the month a crew was working at blasting survival holes in the Shark Valley slough area.

Protection - During the month District Naturalist Truesdell spent several days at Lostman's River Patrol Station assisting the Ranger Division with back country night boat patrols. No poachers have been apprehended to date, however some airboat operations have been heard and reported to the Tamiami Rangers.

Concession Activity - During the month the Park Concessioner took 2,083 people on his boat tours.

Bill Truesdell

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: February 14, 1969

M : Mangrove District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report - January

General - January's weather was full of surprizes. The first rain in a month fell January 4, and the month ended with more than double the average amount for that period. Rain caused cancellation of several walks, and a couple of evening programs were moved into the auditorium. At the beginning of the month the Christian Point and Snake Bight Trails were impassable because of the rain, and these nature walks were rerouted to Bear Lake. Toward the end of the month the low spot at the beginning of Christian Point Trail was ankle deep in water, but this deterred few visitors. Despite the rain the temperature reached the 80's several times.

Soon after January 1, visitation dropped to normal in a typical post-holiday lull. However, it has not picked up again as in previous years due to the campground fees, no doubt. Those visitors are missing a good bet, since bird displays in the ponds along the road have been fantastic all month.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations - An estimated 10,799 visitors entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during January. Of this number 977 were personally contacted.

The exterior of the West Lake exhibit shelter was repainted the latter part of the month.

Trainee Fleming put information handouts in a filing system in the outer office desk drawer January 17.

The Information Desk in the lobby was loaned to the Rangers for use as a dispatch desk. They have rehabilitated it.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - On January 25 the rifle in the Guy Bradley exhibit in the museum was cleaned and waxed. However, this did not remove the smudge marks on the barrel. They appear to be in the permanent finish.

The Key to the shells in the Cape Sable exhibit was mounted on the wall beside the exhibit in the Museum.

Revision of the rookery exhibit slide program began late in the month.

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Self-guiding Facilities - On January 8 District Naturalist McKenzie accompanied Park Rangers Robinson and Lane and Messrs. Alexander, Breazeale, and Smith of the Maintenance Division on an inspection tour of the reconstructed Mahogany Hammock Trail. This trail was opened to visitors the following day. Ranger-Naturalist Hawkins and Trainee Fleming replaced most of the interpretive labels along the railing that afternoon. On January 11 Park Naturalists Hawkins and Inman finished the job. A pre-final inspection was made January 17 by Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Lane, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Breazeale and Mangrove District Ranger Hartman, a representative of the Philadelphia design office, and the contractor.

The Mangrove Trail was inspected January 17 and opened to visitors January 23. The labels were not replaced.

On January 23 Park Naturalist Inman completed a second draft of the Mangrove Trail leaflet. On January 31 District Naturalist McKenzie reviewed the narrative on the trail and submitted it to Chief Naturalist Miller that day.

Conducted Trips - On January 15 the first bird walk was conducted at Flamingo. This is a new addition to the winter program.

Attendance figures for conducted trips were as follows:

Bayshore Walks	13 trips	137 visitors	10.5 average
Nature walks	21 trips	311 visitors	14.8 average
Bird walks	6 trips	50 visitors	8.3 average

On January 15 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Harold Peterson of the Eastern Museum Lab and his wife on a tour of the area, then to Coot Bay and Mrazek Ponds.

On January 20 District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Dr. Edward Riley, Director of Research, Colonial Williamsburg, his wife and a companion, Miss Carson, on a boat trip to the Roberts and North Rivers, returning to Flamingo via the Joe River.

On January 26 Mr. Russell Wright, consultant to the Director, joined Park Naturalist Inman on the Bear Lake nature walk. Mr. Wright apparently was appointed by the Director to review the Everglades interpretive program.

On January 31 Park Naturalist Inman audited and taped the Wilderness Tram Trip narrated by Ted Englefritz.

Apparently the price of the Everglades Park Company's proposed Roberts River boat trip has not been approved. The usual cruises ran all month, including White Water Bay, Cape Sable, Sunset, and when the minimum required number of passengers is met, Shark River.

Talks and Campfire Programs - A total of 2239 visitors attended the 23 campfire programs presented in January. New evening program topics this season include the following:

"Exploring Everglades" (Inman)
"The Story of Cape Sable" (McKenzie)
"The Ever-changing Everglades" (Inman)

All topics this year have been realigned environmentally.

The first Visitor Center talk was presented January 24 and was well received. This is another addition to the winter program.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings January 27 and 28, Mr. Watrous, Audubon Society member, was engaged by the concessioner to show personal movies of south Florida birds to receptive audiences in the Everglades Park Company auditorium.

Interpretive Planning - The winter interpretive program was taken to Chattan Press in Homestead on January 8. The proof was received January 15, and returned to the printer January 17, and the first lithographed copies were received January 23.

Environmental Education - District Naturalist McKenzie went to Headquarters for ESA planning January 15, 21 and 28. On January 22 he drove through the area located at Long Pine Key with District Naturalist Mazzer and Mr. Phil Givens, and on January 28 with Chief Naturalist Miller. Mr. Givens took his class of 30 sixth graders from Neva King Cooper School in Homestead through the ESA January 23, making it the first group to use the area. The experience exposed many flaws. Mr. McKenzie audited the trip and gave orientation to students in the Long Pine Key fire tower, the climax of the trip.

On January 29 Mr. McKenzie took a group of 10 culturally deprived children from A. L. Lewis School, Homestead, through the area. This receptive group, with their teacher, Mrs. Magee, made it a heartening experience. The same day Mr. McKenzie began arranging an ESA teacher workshop for February 15.

Interpretive Personnel: Planning and Training - Seasonal Naturalist Bruce Hawkins spent the first week of the month in orientation and auditing

walks and talks. The second week he was participating in the winter schedule. On January 12 District Naturalist McKenzie took Mr. Hawkins on an orientation trip to East Cape Sable and Lake Ingraham, but the water was too rough to dock at East Cape. On January 16 Mr. Hawkins accompanied the eagle-count flight over Florida Bay.

Trainee Mike Fleming returned from annual leave January 3 and presented his first evening program January 5. His evening programs on January 9, 17, and 22 were audited by District Naturalist McKenzie. Park Naturalist Inman audited his Christian Point nature walk January 23 and his Bayshore Walk on his last day with the Interpretive Division January 25.

Seasonal Naturalist Mare Martin, stationed at Headquarters spent the day of January 4 at Flamingo for orientation and returned January 26 to take the conducted Bear Lake nature walk.

The annual interpretive training session was held at Headquarters January 7. Since that was a Tuesday, schedules were adjusted to allow all interpretive personnel to attend.

District Naturalist McKenzie went to Headquarters for planning on January 3, 8, 15 and 27, and took annual leave January 9 and 10.

Research and Observations - On January 14 the 3 Flamingo naturalists took a 7:30 bird walk on Long Pine Key and Anhinga Trail. John Ogden, scheduled to lead the walk, did not show.

Ranger-Naturalist Hawkins observed a Mangrove cuckoo on the Snake Bight trail late in the month.

Audio-Visual Devices and Programs - The Carousel slide projector and microphone from the amphitheater were taken to Headquarters on January 13 for repair. The projector was noisy and the mike was producing loud static. The mike was repaired in Homestead.

Miscellaneous Activities - The Everglades Natural History Association boat was taken to Maxson Marine Co. in Homestead for motor repairs January 8. A bill of $11.00 was received. District Naturalist McKenzie scrubbed it the same day.

On January 24 Ranger Naturalist Hawkins and Trainee Fleming marked a new route for the beginning portion of the Christian Point Trail leading from the Park road turnout. They reported it has fine interpretive potential. By the end of the month this new section had still not been cleared by maintenance.

On January 25 maintenance began filling in Snake Bight Road, which has been badly rutted and chuckholed.

Roadpaving throughout Flamingo area continued most of the month.

Data and a narrative for the Annual Interpretive Report was submitted January 20 by District Naturalist McKenzie. Besides Russell Wright, Flamingo visitors included former Everglades National Park Naturalist Dave Karraker and Ed Alberts, Cooperating Associations Coordinator for the National Park Service.

Park Naturalist Inman received a letter from Mr. Louis A. Stimson who enclosed 4 copies of old articles he wrote about the newley remarked "Hells Bay Canoe Trail", which he marked originally in 1939.

District Naturalist McKenzie received 3 articles by Jessie Maye Smith that appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. He had helped her when she visited the Park last fall.

Maintenance Foreman Robert Getty arrived early in the month. He has responded well to maintenance requests, doing much to spruce up the area and improve the overall operation.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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Memorandum

Dale

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: March 11, 1969

M : Glades District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report, February, 1969

General

Weather - February, provided the Glades District with quite a variety of weather conditions. Some days were warm and pleasant, others were cool and partly cloudy, while the remainder were rainy and somewhat chilly. Nights were usually cool with several nights being quite chilly because of a cold front moving through the area. Total rainfall for the month amounted to only 2.42 inches, but it was well received.

High for the month was on the 7th when the temperature climbed to a warmish 82 degrees. Low for the month was recorded on the 19th when the temperature skidded to a low of 38 degrees.

The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 1.70 inches at the beginning of the month, and 2.10 inches at the end of the month. Water levels at this location is above normal for this time of the year, which makes it ideal to hold the numerous species of wildlife in the area.

Travel - There were 15,[illegible] individuals that visited the Parachute Key Visitor Center during the month. This was an increase of 2,693 over last month's figure. The Royal Palm area was visited by 32,416 visitors which was an increase of 2,289 as compared to the January figure, but a decrease of 9,276 as compared to February, 1968. The visitors to Royal Palm represented were five Canadian Provinces and seven foreign countries.

Miscellaneous - During the early part of the year a letter was received from Mr. _____ of _____, Miami, Florida saying that two alligator hides were being donated to the Park by a Mrs. Gilpin of 401 W. Ashbridge St., Westchester, Pennsylvania. The hides were picked up during the early part of February. The hides were tanned by the old oak bark method and had a very light colored appearance and were very pliable. One of thehides measured 86 inches long, and the other was 77 inches long. Estimated value was set at $406.80 for the two hides. Mr. Brookfield, a friend of the _____, got the estmated price of each hide from an acquaintance. The acquaintance figured a tanned hide would cost approximately $30.00 a linear foot while an untanned hide would cost about $25.00 a linear foot. Both hides had been taken from everglade alligators by local Indians and taken to Brickell's Trading Post in Miami where they were purchased by Mr. Vincent Gilpin. Mr. Gilpin had planned to have a suitcase or two made from the hides, but never got around to doing it.

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On February 3, a short reel of film was taken to Channel 4 TV Station for the purpose of having selected scenes of the film shown on TV. Purpose of the shorts was to make the public aware of the gradual destruction of our environment, the polluting of our recreational waters, and the danger in feeding the wildlife in our National Parks.

Personnel - During the month the District Naturalist was selected to attend a two-week Communications Writing Course being given at the Stephen Mather Training Center, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Conservation, Interpretation and Use

Research and Observations - The young Anhingas occupying the nest along the Anhinga Trail boardwalk should be leaving the nest sometime in March. The viewing of the young birds was a treat to numerous visitors.

The bird display is still quite spectacular in the Royal Palm area. Of interest to many visitors is the sighting of the ruby-like eyes of the alligators seen during the night prowl along the Anhinga Trail.

During the month, a siren was sighted along the Anhinga Trail. Very few of the eel-like creatures are seen.

Interpretive Activities - The Pa-Hay-Okee self-guiding trail was closed for several days during the month to allow the contractor to renave the road leading to the trailhead.

During the first week of the month an effort was made to contact local motel owners to distribut interpretive material pertaining to the Park. The weekly news release announcing the Wednesday night programs at the Visitor Center is now being sent to the 12 motels contacted. It is honed this will induce more out-of-state people to attend our programs.

Four off-site illustrated programs were given to local school and organization groups. A totla of 362 individuals attended the programs.

Several special talks were given to school groups visiting the Royal Palm area. Total attendance was 490 students.

Six special walks were given along the Anhinga Trail to 340 individuals.

The popular film, "Highlights of the Everglades," was sent out by request for a total of three times during the month. The film was presented nine times to a total of 531 individuals.

The interpretive trail signs were replaced along the Pa-Hay-Okee self-guiding trail. The signs were removed so that the entire trail could be re moved.

Ed Mazzer

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: March 11, 1969

1 : Gulf Coast District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Report, February, 1969

General

Weather - The weather for the month was cool and, except for one storm on the 14th, with 1.16 inches of rain, dry. Each week a cold front passed through the area with accompanying strong winds. Temperature ranged from 78 degrees to 38 degrees.

Travel - The total number of visitors in the District was 21,294. Visitors at the Ranger Station numbered 8,208 compared to 7,323 in February, 1968.

Visitors - Members of Everglades Water Committee including:
Leonard Voltz - SE Regional Director
Harthon Bill - WASO
Superintendent Raftery
Manny Morris - WASO
Mr. Watts - Solicitors Office
Frank Nix and Bill Robertson - ENP

Interpretive Activities - Three special boat tours were conducted during the month. On the 8th, Mr. Ed Player of the Marco Island Eagle Newspaper was taken on the regular Boat-a-cade by the District Naturalist in order to write a special article for his paper about the Boat-a-cades.

On February 19th, the District Naturalist escorted Mr. Edward P. Williams and party through the Ten Thousand Islands. Mr. Williams is a close friend of Anthony Wayne Smith.

District personnel also assisted the ABC News Team in filming a documentary on alligator patrols in the Lostman's area..

During the month the District Naturalist continued to work on the text for the Guide to the Wilderness Waterway. The final pages were submitted to Mrs. Ellen Edellen of the University of Miami Press for her reading and correcting. The strip maps were completed by a cartographer and reviewed and corrected by the District Naturalist.

Research and Observation - Alligators were observed during the month in small concentrations usually singly, having not yet left the glades. Three were seen in the Rodgers River cutoff, one in Wood River, one in Broad Creek (7'), one in Cabbage Bay Creek, one in the canal from Dads' Bay to the glades and several in the Tarpon Bay area (North Prong, Rookery Branch and Otter Creek) of the Mangrove District.

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Swallow tail kites were found observed in the Lostman's area the last week of the month. Several young are visible in bald eagle nests. The young eagle in the nest at "left hand Sandfly Pass" is full size and can be seen trying out his wings. The Park Concessioner's 10,000 Island boat trip goes past this nest and this has been the best show on the trip.

One female horseshoe crab was observed partially burried in the sand on Highland beach. She had one male in tandum. This was during the day and since it seems early in the season she may not have been laying. The rough surf presented any activities from being observed.

Protection Activities - The District Naturalist (2/5 Naturalist - 3/5 Ranger) spent eleven nights on alligator patrols during the month. To date no poachers have been contacted but the local people are aware that the Rangers are active at night. Local people state that it is too early to hunt gators in the creeks as there is still too much water in the glades. No large concentrations of gators are being seen in the creeks at this time. Airboats have been heard running in the glades at night; however, Park Ranger personnel have not been able to get their airboats into the same areas.

The District Naturalist covered the mangrove country at night from Squaw Creek, North Prong, Rookery Branch and Otter Creek in Tarpon Bay to Cabbage Bay, Rocky Creek Bay, Lostman's Creek, and the Wilderness Waterway north to Everglades City.

During the day, while on night duty, the District Naturalist started numbering the markers on the Wilderness Waterway.

Concessioner - Sammy Hamilton carried 2,736 people on his boat tours during the month.

William G. Treusdell

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: March 29, 1969

M : Mangrove District Naturalist

JECT: Monthly Narrative Report, February, 1969

General - The bird display at Mrazek Pond was fantastic all month. About two inches of rain fell February 15 and 16, the only precipitation during the month. The Chrisitian Point walks were again rerouted to Bear Lake due to the heavy rain.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations - An estimated 12,626 visitors, 500 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during the month.

On February 22 two retires of the USGS came into the office to discuss the possibility of producing a map of the Park as well as one of the Flamingo area. They were referred to Park Headquarters.

On February 22 Park Naturalist Inamn helped rangers gather material for the new visitors bulletin board in the hall. Since we have no information desk, this will substitute as an orientation station that both rangers and naturalists can use to refer to charts; to show boat, canoe, and foot trails, back country campsites, wildlife concentration areas; and to provide other information such as the route to the hospital, church services, fishing laws, and activities in other districts of the Park.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - On February 8 the shell display in the museum was completed.

On February 19 maintenance installed a board for mounting the bird cutouts in the "Rare Birds" exhibit.

On February 25 Park Ranger Kacer brought in some alligator skulls and carcasses from Bear Lake. Poached about Thanksgiving, they will become the focal point of a new exhibit.

On February 13 Park Naturalist Inamn augmented the tape fiel of naturalist talks by taping Bruce Hawkins' evening program on "Birds of Everglades" and his visitor center talk on "Reptiles"; and her own evening programs, "Exploring Everglades" and "The Ever-Changing Everglades."

Self Guiding Facilities - On February 13 Chief Naturalist Miller came to Flamingo to go over the Mangrove Trail with Park Naturalist Inamn's proposed leaflet.

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On February 18 the Mahogany Hammock Trail was closed for the week for road surfacing.

Conducted Trips - Attendence figures for conducted walks were as follows:

Bayshore Walk	12 trips,	208 visitors,	17.3 average
Nature Walk	20 trips,	428 visitors,	21.7 average
Bird Walk	7 trips,	104 visitors,	15 average

On February 1 Park Naturalists McKenzie and Hawkins accompanied the ranger-conducted boat-a-cade.

On February 20 Park Naturalist Inamn took Mr. Louis A. Stimson over the Hells Bay Canoe Trail, which he and a friend originally marked in 1939 with cypress laths. He enjoyed the day very much but didn't see one landmark he recognized. During lunch Inamn taped an interview with him.

Talks and Campfire Programs - A total of 3,098 visitors attended the 20 campfire programs offered in February. A total of 364 visitors attended 12 visitor center talks.

On February 5 Park Naturalist Hawkins and Inman together captured two ring-necked snakes and one anole for Hawkins' reptile talk. District Naturalist McKenzie also brought a rattler from Headquarters the following Sunday.

On February 3 and 4 Mr. Watrus showed personel movies of south Florida birds under the sponsoship of Everglades Park Company. On February 10 and 11 Mr. Frank Masland showed his movies of a trip down the Colorado River for the company.

On February 15 Carole Brown showed "The Bald Eagle" in the afternoon because of inelement weather and cancellaion of scheduled events. Since then she has shown it six times during February on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Interpretive Personnel and Training - District Naturalist McKnezie went to Headquarters February 3 and February 20.

District Naturalist McKenzie audited Park Naturalist Hawkins' bird walk February 12 and his visitor center talk on reptiles February 16.

On February 6 Dr. Sudia of the U.S.P.H.S. presented a talk at Headquarters on mosquitoes. All three Flamingo naturalists attended.

On February 20 Chief Naturalist Miller and new Assistant Chief Naturalist Engquist were at Flamingo for orientation purposes.

On February 9 Park Guide Ruth Mendlen was at Flamingo for a day of orientation. She took the Whitewater Bay Cruise and Inamn's Bear Lake walk.

Interpretive Planning - On February 3 District Naturalist McKenzie submitted district goals for CY '69.

On February 4 District Naturalist McKenize formulated a list of interpretive projects for Flamingo.

On February 24 District Naturalist McKenzie reviewed and edited the PCP narrative for reconstruction of the Flamingo Visitor Center.

On February 26 District Naturalist McKnezie completed and submitted deficiency estimate and manpower needs for the district.

On February 27 Captain Taylor requested a marker for the Guy Bradley grave on East Cape Sable. McKenzie obtained a cost estimate from Maintiance Foreman Getty. We have tentative plans to install one.

Environmental Education - District Naturalist McKnezie was at Headquarters February 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 to work on ESA materials. On February 14 McKenzie completed an introduction and an ecological narrative for the ESA for distribution to local teachers. On February 15 an ESA Teacher workshop was conducted by Chief Naturalist Miller and McKenzie at Headquarters and Long Pine Key. On February 26 McKenzie took the Superintendent and staff through the ESA. McKenzie spent about 1/3 of his time this month preparing ESA materials and orienting people to the program.

Research and Observations - On February 3 the U.S.P.H.S. closed part of the Mahogany Hammock Trail to trap and bleed small birds and mammals. The purpose was to monitor the incidence of encephalitis in various species. The trail was reopened February 6.

On February 9 a crocodile was first observed at Coot Bay Pond. It has since been observed on several occasions by competant observers.

On February 28 Park Naturalist Hawkins observed a swallow-tailed kite over the Snkae Bite Trail. The first one of the season had been sighted by visitors a few days earlier.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs - Distric Naturalist McKenzie almost completed the slide selection for the revised "Rookery"slide program early in the month. However, it is still unfinished because of more pressing matters.

Construction and Maintenance - On February 4 and 5 the car was in the shop for body work. The rust holes in the doors were filled and painted.

On February 19 maintenance started installing shelves in the office closet. The job was completed February 24.

Miscellaneous Activities - On February 2 Christian Ministry Committee meeting was held over lunch in the Flamingo dining room with Rev. Warren Ost, Executive Director of "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks."

On February 14 Park Naturalist Inman stenciled a form for the daily Naturalist Morning Report. We are attempting to improve communication between the naturalists at Flamingo and Headquarters.

On February 22 Park Naturalist Inman wrote an SOP for the Flamingo Museum.

On February 26 Park Naturalist Inman received notice of her selection for the Curatorial Methods Course to be held at Harpers Ferry March 31 - April 4.

On February 28 Park Naturalist Inman explored a new route to Christian Point, but was unable to get all the way. She did find an old road going north toward the Rowdy Bend Road.

On February 28 Park Naturalist Hawkins explored for a possible trail route to Coot Bay. He, too, was unsuccessful.

Leonard McKenzie

M. J. Inman

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: April 24, 1969

: Glades District Naturalist

: Monthly Narrative Report March, 1969

GENERAL

Weather- The weather during the month of March provided somewhat of a mixture of rainy, sunny and partly cloudy days. The warm balmy days gave an indication of an early summer. Many of the days were enough to make it uncomfortable for those having to wear the neck-tie with the uniform. During the middle of the month, this condition was corrected by a memo from the Superintendent authorizing the wearing of the summer uniform.

The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 2.10 feet at the end of the month. The overall water level in Taylor Slough is still above normal for the month. It is hoped this situation will prevail until our summer rains begin.

Travel - Visitors to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 18,607, an increase of 2977 over last month's figure, but a decrease of 2424 as compared to the same month of 1968. The Royal Palm area was visited by 62,765 which was an increase of 30,349 over last months figure. It was also a substantial increase as compared to the same month of 1968. Visitors to Royal Palm represented individuals from five Canadian Provinces and visitors from twenty foreign countries.

Miscellaneous - The land fill along the Anhinga Trail has become somewhat of a problem not only to personnal on duty at Royal Palm but mostly to the wildlife. The size of the stones makes them ideal to throw at alligators, birds and turtles. At times it was necessary for the naturalist on duty to warn visitors about throwing stones at the wildlife.

During the month signs prohibiting dogs on the trails, in the Glades District, were erected. The placement of the signs was requested by the Superintendent. Everyone concerned feels that dogs should not be allowed on the trails for safety purposes and to eleminate unpleasant sanitary conditions. Dogs also become bothersome to photographers when the animals bark at subjects being photographed or becoming entangled in tripods.

On the 13th Secretary of the Interior Hickle, Congressman, Bob Jones and Governor of Florida, Claude Kirk, were guided along the Anhinga Trail by our Good Will Ambasador, Maude Harriott. Because of this, Maude also was on T.V. The main purpose of the walk along the Trail was to get photos of Hickle with alligators in the background. Evidently the alligators didn't know Hickel was their boss because they didn't come out to be photographed.

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It seems that we have a real honest to goodness gator caller within our midst. Kelly Motherspaugh claims his simulated call of an alligator had one of the reptiles swimming frantically around the pond at Royal Palm looking for the owner of the call. It is a good thing Kelly isn't built like a gator or he would probably be laying eggs in another month.

Personnel - During the 17th thru the 28th, the District Naturalist attended the Communications Writing Course at the Stephen Mather Training Center at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

Conservation, Interpretation & Use

Research and Observations - The wildlife displays along the Anhinga Trail continues to be quite spectacular during most of the month. Toward the end of the month there was a noticeable decrease in the numbers of different species of birds. More of the land birds should be coming into the area during April on their way North.

Stepped up activity by the alligators in Taylor Slough has been noticed during the latter part of the month. There should be a very noticeable increase of alligator activity during April which is usually the beginning of the alligator mating season.

During the month five Anhinga nests were seen on the backside of the Anhinga Trail. Most of the young birds should be out of the nest during the next month.

Interpretive Activities - The Pinelands Trail was closed for several days so the paving contractor could black top the parking area.

Seventeen special walks along the Anhinga Trail were given to school groups and other groups during the month. Total attendance amounted to 765 individuals.

The popular film "Highlights of the Everglades" was shown 14 times to a total of 1072 individuals. All of the showings were off-site locations.

On the 14th, the Traveling Exhibit was taken to Camp Owaissa Bauer and set-up for an open house session that was to take place on the 16th. Members of the Ranger Aides manned the exhibit by answering questions and handing out Park brochures.

Ed Mazzer

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: April 17, 1969

1 : Gulf Coast District Park Naturalist

ECT: Monthly narrative - March, 1969

Weather - The month of March was unseasonably cool and windy. A low of 39° was reached on the 14th and not until the last week did a warming trend occur. Small craft warnings were flown on 8 days during the month, as passing cold fronts brought strong winds.

Travel - During the month, 9,135 visitors stopped at the Gulf Coast Ranger Station. Compared to the 8,073 people who visited the area in March, 1968, this represents a 13.2% increase in visitation.

Visitors - Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel, Southeast Regional Director J. Leonard Volz, Governor Claude Kirk of Florida, Roger W. Allin, WASO, Manuel Morris, WASO and Congressman William Cramer (R.Fla.).

Special Activities - On the 13th and 14th Secretary of the Interior Hickel and party were in the District staying at Lostman's Patrol Station. Included in the group were J. Leonard Volz Southeast Regional Director, Florida Governor Claude Kirk, Roger W. Allin, WASO, and others. Numerous newsmen accompanied the group. The group was primarily interested in learning first hand the difficulties facing the Park when trying to protect the alligator from poachers.

On the 22nd District Naturalist Truesdell, Chief Park Naturalist Miller, District Ranger Johnson and Assistant Chief Ranger Stokes, attended the Alligator Committee Meeting held at the Rod and Gun Club in Everglades City.

Personnel - On the 23rd District Naturalist Truesdell was assigned to work as a Management Biologist for the Ranger Division.

Interpretive Activities - On March 1st all the Indian artifacts in the District office were packed and sent to Park Headquarters where they will be packed with other artifacts and sent to the Archeological Center.

On March 5 the District Naturalist and Assistant Chief Ranger conducted 120 members of the Collier County Audubon Society on a special tour of the Shark Valley Loop Road.

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District Naturalist Truesdell accompanied Deputy Sheriff Harris to the Junior Deputy meetings at Collier County Schools on the 11, 12, 13, and 14. The film on Gator poaching was shown on the first day and well received. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVERGLADES was shown on the remaining days when the Gator film was not available. Six schools were visited and 465 boys contacted.

During the month several days and nights were spent rewriting and correcting the text of the GUIDE TO THE WILDERNESS WATERWAY. Also several days were spent working on the District Place Name File.

Research and Observations - On March 23 Messers Truesdell and Morgan walked into Johnson's mound, south of the mouth of Lostmans River. This is one of the more remote mounds with one of the thickest hammocks of tropical vegetation including some Royal Palms.

On March 28 and 29 District Naturalist Truesdell accompanied Research Biologist Ogden on his hawk studies both in the northwest section of the Park and the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. On the Plate Creek section of the Park a Swallowtail Kite was observed on her nest, and numerous other kites were seen along the waterway. A mangrove cuckoo, shortailed hawk and otter were also observed in Plate Creek.

On March 31, the former District Naturalist Truesdell, acting in his new role as Management Biologist, accompanied Research Biologists Larson (WASO), Robertson and Ogden and Park Ranger Kirkland to Biscayne National Monument where plant and animal lists were compiled and the Casuarina stands were mapped.

Protection - On the 4th of March all District personnel assisted local volunteers on a structural fire at Ted Bonards' house in Everglades City.

During the month the District Naturalist spent 9 nights on patrols from both the Lostmans area and the northend of the District. On March 22 Chief Park Naturalist Miller accompanied the District Naturalist on night patrol. Three boys were warned for starting fires on Turtle Key where camping is not permitted.

On March 2 an airboat running in the Park was reported but no assistance was given.

During the month the channel markers on the Wilderness Waterway were numbered from Whitewater Bay to Onion Key.

Maintenance - The house painting contract for the Gulf Coast District residences was let during the month and painting started.

During the month Gulf Coast personnel began work on clearing the old walkway around the seawall.

Concessioner - Sammy Hamilton's boats made 177 trips and carried 3045 people during March.

William G. Truesdell

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: April 29, 1969

: Mangrove District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, March, 1969

General - Visitation remained relatively light but steady during the month, as Flamingo registered about 16,000 fewer visits than in March, 1968. Most of these people were days visitors. The weather was resemblly pleasant but exceptionally breezy and sporadicly wet.

Secretary of Interior Walter J. Hickel visited the Park March 13, to examine first hand the alligator poaching problem and to dramatize the plit of this endangered animal. Accompanying him were Govenor Claude Kirk, Congressman William Cramer, their aids, NPS representatives and a large entourage of newsmen. After a stop at Royal Palm, the group proceeded to Flamingo, were they boarded boats for a trip to Lostman's River. Rangers conducted a night exercise there to demonstrate futility of poaching patrols. After an over night stay at Lostman's River, the Secretary left by plane the following morning.

Visitor Information and Orientation Station - An estimated 13,223 visitors, 1,070 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo visitor center during March.

Park Naturalist Inman lettered a large sign proclaiming "Park Naturalist" for the lobby entrance to the Naturalist Office. A series of smaller changeable signs indicating whether or not the office is open attached to it. The number of visitor center contacts increased tramatically immediately after the signs went up.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - A temporary exhibit illustrating the impact of alligator poaching was put behind the glass panel in the outer Naturalist office early in the month. The skulls and carcases previously collected at Bear Lake are the vocal point of the exhibit. A permanet exhibit panel will incorporate these remains, photographs, newspaper advertisment, and labels has been constructed by maintanence, but the exhibit has not been completed.

On March 25, District Naturalist McKenzie submitted exhibit need estimates for the next five years in responce from a request from SERO.

On March 6 and 27, Park Naturalist Inman worked on Museum records at Park Headquarters.

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Conducted trips - Participation in conducted trips was as followed:

Bayshore Walks	14 trips	275 visitors	19.6 average
Nature Walks	22 trips	444 visitors	20.2 average
Bird Walks	8 trips	116 visitors	14.5 average

On March 10, District Naturalist McKenzie narrated a bus tour of the Park road for 21 representatives of the World Wildlife Fund. Stops included Marazek Pond, Mahogany Hammock, Pa-Hay-Okee, Royal Palm and Park Headquarters.

On March 18, Chief Naturalist Miller and Assistant Chief Engquist toke Mr. Robert Johnston of WASO, to the Robert's and North Rivers and returned to Flamingo by Joe River. Mr. Johnston is writing a manuscript for the motion picture that will be produced for the Parachute Key Visitor Center.

On March 19, District Naturalist McKenzie escorted Mr. Alexander Adams, Chairman of the Board of the Nature Conservancy, and his wife on a boat trip to Rookery Branch via the Joe River. Park Naturalist Hawkens accompanied them for orientation purposes.

On March 22, Park Naturalist Inman accompanied Park Ranger Kirkland on a boat-a-cade for the Islamorado Coast Gaurd Auxillary. She spoke briefly to the group and led a short walk during the lunch stop on End Key.

Talks and Campfire Programs - A total of 2,824 visitors attended the 22 campfire programs presented in March. A total of 370 visitors attended 13 visitor center talks

The movie "Prowlers of the Everglades" was shown to 21 representatives of the World Wildlife Fund and other visitors March 8 after the regular scheduled campfire program.

The Visitor Center talks thei year have been popular but several problems must be resolved to increase their effectiveness. Visitors passing through the lobby, banging doors, and a noisy air-conditioner create distractions, an inadequate setting caused visitor discomfort. We hope to alleviate some of these problems prior to next season.

Research and Observations - Visitors observed a panther near Coot Bay Pond on March 25.

The eagle nest on Coot Bay's southeast shore has disappeared. Fortunately the two young were ready to leave the nest. Perhaps their weight caused its collapse.

The season's first observation of White-crowned pegions was reported March 26.

The four-foot crocodile at Coot Bay Pond has been observed several times during the month. Other crocodiles have been sighted by Key Largo Rangers on night patrols in Florida Bay and Monroe Lake.

Two observations of Cinnamon Teals were reported in March.

A seven-foot alligator, killed on the road above West Lake, was brought in March 26, and taken to Headquarters for preservation the following day.

The bird display at Marazek Pond remained fairly good until mid-March when the last of the roseate spoonbills left for better feeding grounds.

Environmental Education - District Naturalist McKenzie devoted about one-fourth of his time to Environmental Education activities in March. Late in the month he submitted in draft form a "Suggested trip plan" and Suggested Pre-trip and Post-trip activities" for use by teachers planning a trip to the Environmental Study Area.

Early in the month District Naturalist McKenzie wrote an envrionmentally-slanted speech for Management Biologist Klukas to present on the Superintendent's behalf for the Florida Academy of Sciences Meeting in Gainesville.

On March 28, Chief Naturalist Miller and District Naturalist McKenzie met with Mr. Rodney Nuwakwski, Curriculum Coordinator for South Dade Schools, and two school principals at the Schools District's Perrine Office to discuse Environmental Education Objectives and the Parks Environmental Study Area. All three men seemed receptive to the ideas and plans presented. They all felt a teachers response would be favorable. A scheduled meeting on March 17 had been cancelled when Mr. Nuwakwski became ill.

On March 31, Regional Environmental Specialist, Allen Meban arrived at Everglades to review Environmental Education efforts.

Park Naturalist Inman formulated a rough Environmental Exhibit plan for the outer naturalist office, space that is not now being effectively used.

Interpretive Personnel and Training - On March 30 Park Naturalist Inman left for Harpers Ferry to attend a one-week course in "Curtitorial Methods".

Construction and Maintanence - On March 19 the naturalist vehicle was taken to Homestead for a front end allinment.

The naturalist canoe was repainted earlier in the month.

Miscellaneous Activities - District Naturalist McKenzie spent all day March 13, helping Chief Naturalist Miller prepare for Secretary Hickel's visit to Lostman's River. They had gone up to the Patrol Station the previous evening and stayed over night. McKenzie returned to Flamingo with Park Rangers late that night.

On March 23, a Christian Ministry Meeting was held at the McKenzie's with Rev. Warren Ost, Director of "Christian Ministry in the National Parks" in attendance.

District Naturalist McKenzie wrote the March addition of the "Anhinga".

On March 26 a group of 100 students and teachers from Edison Junior High School in Miami mistakenly came to Flamingo after their school had arranged a special talk and walk at Royal Palm. After lunch they returned to Royal Palm with a planned stop at Mahogany Hammock.

On March 5 all three Flamingo naturalist attended Dr. Roger Tory Peterson's program entitled "Galapagos Wild Eden" sponsored by the Tropical Audubon Society in Miami. On March 24 Park Naturalist Inman and Hawkins attended Dr. O. S. Pentengills program "New Zealand Spring" in the same series.

Park Naturalist Inman has begun the interpretive SOP file for Flamingo by writing guides for visitor center operations and vehicle use.

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: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: June 4, 1969

: Glades District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report, April, 1969

General

Weather - April was a month with most of the days being partly cloudy. There were several days when rain fell, but only two of those days did we have a deluge. Numerous times heavy rainfall could be seen falling in the distance. As the month grew older average temperature were on the upswing and the humidity began to soar - and summer has yet to come. Nights were fairly cool making it possible to sleep without air conditioning.

The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 1.45 feet at the end of the month. However, water level fluctuated markedly during the month because of increased rainfall. The overall water level in Taylor Slough is above normal for this time of the year.

Travel - Visitor to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 16,852 a decrease of 1,755 as compared to last month's figure. It was also a decrease of 2,317 as compared to the same month of 1968. The Royal Palm area was visited by 36,130 individuals. The figure was a decrease of 26,635 as compared to last month's total. Visitors to Royal Palm represented four Canadian Provinces, and twenty-two foreign countries.

The Easter holiday week proved to be a very hectic period for those individuals assigned to the Parachute Key Visitor Center. For several days an average of 2,300 visitors per day entered the building seeking information.

Miscellaneous - During the month the works of photographer, Fred Truslow and artist Bill McVaugh were displayed at the Parachute Key Visitor Center. Many favorable comments and requests for purchasing the displays were voiced by visitors.

Former Director of the NPS, Horace M. Albright and Mrs. Albright, visited the Park as members of a group called "Resources of the Future."

Personnel - Marilyn (Mare) Martin, seasonal naturalist was terminated at the end of her workday April 10th. Mare departed for Windcave NP where she is to work for the summer season. We hope Mare will be able to return to us for our winter season.

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Naturalist, Ruth Mendlen took a week annual leave followed by a week of sick leave. It seems Ruth isn't accustomed to all the hectic activities that goes along with a vacation.'

Conservation, Interpretation & Use

Research and Observations - The excellent bird displays that were seen during the first three months of the year have fizzled down to the species that stay in the area the year round. At the present time the biggest drawing card is the nesting Anhingas and Green Herons.

Numerous sightings of swallow-tail kites have been reported in the Royal Palm area. The most seen at one sighting was five birds.

Ospreys have been sighted in the vicinity of the Parachute Key Visitor Center and in the Royal Palm area.

The increased activity of the alligator mating season has been pronounced by intensified bellowing of the bull gators. The activity should continue into June.

On the 26th, a control burn in the vicinity of the Pinelands Trail got out of control. It was necessary to remove the large displays at the head of the trail and the lift boxes to prevent them from being burned. Backfiring of the area around the display shelter saved the structure from possible destruction. The displays were replaced after the fire cooled.

Interpretive Activities - The winter season schedule for interpretive activities ended on April 13th. The summer season schedule was put into effect on the 16th.

To induce more local people and campers to make use of our interpretive facilities a Friday evening program was added to the summer schedule on a trial basis.

The refurbishing of 5 display panels on the Gumbo Limbo and Pa-Hay-Okee trails is to be done by the Museum Center in Washington.

The burning over of the Pinelands Trail made it necessary to close the trail for several days. It is expected the vegetation will make a quick comeback and restore the area to its previous condition.

The film "Highlights of the Everglades" was sent out four times during the month. The film was shown nine times to a total of 690 people.

Three off-site talks to 340 people was given during the month.

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: May 6, 1969

: District Naturalist Gulf Coast

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, April, 1969

Weather- The month of April was mild. High temperature 88 degrees, low of 58 degrees. 2.08 inches of rain fall during the month.

Travel - An estimated 5,000 people stopped at the Ranger Station during the month. By the 15th of the month visitation had slacked off considerably, however, regular scheduled bus tours are still bringing people into the area.

Visitors - Robert Davis, Great Smoky Mountains, NP
Robert Evans, WASO
Harding Smith, WASO

Special Activities - Two boat-a-cades were taken with 12 boats and 46 people. On April 4th District Naturalist Truesdell conducted Mr. Hofn Oakes and family on a special tour of the Park involving a plane trip from Fort Myers to Homestead and a car trip to Flamingo. Mr. Oakes Editor of the Editorial Page of the New York Times, is a former member of the NPS Advisory Board and currently the Director of The Wilderness Society.

On April 17 District Naturalist Truesdell gave an off-site talk to the Southwestern Conservation Clearing House in Fort Myers. Eighteen members from local conservation agencies were in attendance. Following the meeting a five minute tape was made for WINK TV in Fort Myers concerning current problems in the Park.

Research and Observations - District Naturalist, Ranger Biologist Truesdell accompanied Biologist Jim Larson (WASO), Robertson and Ogden to Biscayne Nat'l Monument on April 1st for a study of the area vegetation and fauna. During this trip the Casuarina trees on most of the islands were charted for a management plan for exotics. On the 24th another flight over the Monument finished the Casuarina mapping and also disclosed the existence of Lignumvitae trees on several of the keys.

Management Biologist Klukas was in the District two days. The District Naturalist assisted him in setting up test plots of treated and untreated Casuarina trees on Comer Key and Highland Beach.

During the month Naturalist Truesdell mapped Casuarina outbreaks throughout the Park, spending several days flying over the Park and several days in boats in Florida Bay and along the Gulf Coast where major outbreaks occur.

On April 13 Research Biologist Ogden was taken down the Waterway to observe hawk activites in the Plate Creek area.

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Interpretive Activities - During the month the Guide to the Wilderness Waterway was completed and the final draft read by Messers, Miller, Robertson, Stokes, and Tebeau. Suggested corrections have been made and the final draft is at the Miami Press awaiting a letter of final approval from the Chief Naturalist.

Protection - On April 28, 1969 District personnel Johnson, Truesdell and Galvin were on the Bad News fire at the Long Pine Key - Pinelands Trail area.

Concessioner - The Concessioner took 206 trips with 2260 people during the month.

William G. Truesdell

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: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: May 16, 1969

: Mangrove District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, April, 1969

General - Visitation increased slightly as fishing drew local anglers. The weather was delightful with warm days and cool nights. Rainfall remained above normal this month and by mid-April mosquitoes were prevalent.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations - An estimated 14,925 visitors, 825 of whom were personally contacted, entered the Flamingo Visitor Center during April.

Park Naturalist Inman lettered changeable signs for the lobby easel to announce the subjects of visitor center talks and evening programs.

Park Naturalist Inman cut new stencils for area maps. The amazing demand for these maps this season wore out 2 sets of stencils. District Naturalist McKenzie talked to Everglades Park Co. Manager Wilkey, April 22 about the estimated cost of lithographing Flamingo area maps. Wilkey will obtain additonal estimates, since the company will share costs of publication with ENHA.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - Park Naturalist Inman went to Hdq. on April 10 and 12 for curatorial work.

Park Naturalist Inman touched up the damaged spoonbill "cutouts" from the Flamingo Museum with her oil paints.

On April 17 Park Naturalist Inman drove to Coconut Grove to interview Mr. Charlie Brookfield, who provided a solid hour of information on local place names.

On April 22 District Naturalist McKenzie photographed most of the Flamingo Museum exhibits, for the exhibit file at Hdq. with unsatisfactory results. He attempted this a second time on April 20 and was again unsuccessful. If at first you don't succeed, try, try a gun.

Three snakes and one lizard were prepared for accessioning and cataloguing.

A tape was made of a Cornell University record, "Music and Bird Songs".

Culling and sorting of the many rolls of slides taken this season began late in month

Self-Guiding Facilities - Because of the delay in printing a self-guiding leaflet for the Mangrove Trail, the old labels were sorted and taken to maintenance for rehabilitation and replacement on the trail.

Conducted Trips - Participation in conducted trips during April ~~were~~ was as follows:

Bayshore Walks	8 trips	143 visitors	18 average
Nature Walks	9 trips	238 visitors	26 average

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Bird Walks 4 trips 77 visitors 19 average
~~Participation~~ on April 2 District Naturalist McKenzie took Mr. Alan Mebane, Regional Environmental Education Specialist, to the Roberts and North Rivers, returning via the Joe River.

On April 7 District Naturalist McKenzie met Congressman Eichord (Mo,) and family at Mahogany Hammock and escorted them to Flamingo. From there he took them on a boat trip to the Roberts and North Rivers.

District Naturalist McKenzie narrated a bus tour of the Park road for the National Wildlife Federation Eastern Safari on April 15. In the morning the group went to Mahogany Hammock and Nine Mile Pond, returned to Flamingo for lunch, then stopped at Pa-Hay-Okee, Royal Palm, and Headquarters in the afternoon. The group left the Park from there.

On April 19 rangers conducted the first canoe-a-cade down the Bear Lake Canal. Thirty-five people in 14 canoes participated.

Forty children from Miami Jr. High School joined the Bayshore Walk April 19.

On April 24 Park Naturalist Inman wrote an SOP for conducted walks.

On April 27 District Naturalist McKenzie met former Director Horace M. Albright and his wife, who came to Flamingo by bus with a group representing Resources for the Future, Inc., and took them to the motel. He then escorted Mr. Albright and Dr. Frank Craighead to Mahogany Hammock, toured the Flamingo area upon return and stopped by the office where Mr. Albright chatted with other employees. The McKenzies and the Hartmans hosted them at dinner that night. On April 28 McKenzie took the Albrights to Ft. Lauderdale via Miami Beach, stopping by Headquarters for photos.

Talks and Campfire Programs - A total of 1,676 visitors attended the 17 campfire programs presented in April. A total of 374 visitors attended 12 visitor center talks, indicating that day use remained steady as overnight use dropped. The evening program time was changed to 8:30 effective April 30.

On April 12 District Naturalist McKenzie presented a slide program at the Tropical Audubon Society's booth at the Metropolitan Miami Flower Show. Approximately 100 people attended.

On April 14 District Naturalist McKenzie presented a slide program at Flamingo to 40 participants in the National Wildlife Federation's Eastern Safari.

On April 24 District Naturalist McKenzie accompained Chief Naturalist Miller on an inspection of the pinelands "control" burn, that was started the previous day. The role of fire in the pinelands was the subject of Park Naturalist Inman's visitor center talk April 27.

Interpretive Planning - Distirct Naturalist McKenzie submitted spring interpretive program schedule on April 9: 3 evening programs, 2 bayshore walks, and 3 visitor center talks per week. April 13 was the last day of the winter program of interpretive schedules.

District Naturalist McKenzie submitted a request for a Guy Bradley commemorative marker on East Cape Sable April 7.

On April 22 District Naturalist McKenzie talked to Key Largo Ranger Kirkland about arranging programs for groups on the Upper Keys. Kirkland will make initial contacts with group representatives about scheduling these in the near future.

Environmental Education - On April 1 Mr. Alan Mebane, Regional Environmental Education Specialist, and District Natualist McKenzie went to Headquarters to discuss with Chief Naturalist Miller the Park's environmental education programs and to examine the Park's ESA.

On April 16 District Naturalist McKenzie went to Cutler Ridge Elementary School to present a program to the faculty about the Park's environmental education efforts and objectives, with emphasis on the ESA at Long Pine Key, Teacher response was favorable.

On April 25 District Naturalist McKenzie went to Headquarters to flag the proposed trail through the ESA. Maintenance funds apparently are available for this purpose this fiscal year. On April 30 he weht to Headquarters to go over the proposed route with Assistant Chief of Maintenance Brazeale.

Research and Observations - On April 10 District Naturalist McKenzie went to the Institute of Marine Sciences in Miami for a review and status report of fisheries studies in the Park. On April 22 he participated in a meeting at Flamingo with Dr. Calluway of the Institute to discuss the sport fisheries survey he conducts at Flamingo with NPS funds. His methods of gathering, compiling, and projecting catch data that provide an index of fisheries dynamics were reviewed.

A male man-o-war bird was seen circling over the open prairie of the Christian Point Trail April 12. There has been no unusual weather to account for it.

A second crocodile, about 6 feet in Length was reported in Coot Bay Pond April 13.

Bird displays along the Park road were negligible during April.

Interpretive Personnel and Training - Park Naturalist Inman returned to work April 6 after a one-week "Curatorial Methods" course at Harpers Ferry.

District Naturalist McKenzie and Park Naturalist Inman attended the annual employees' training conference April 14. McKenzie presented the session on interpretive activities and environmental education in the absence of Chief Naturalist Miller and Assistant Chief Naturalist Engquist.

District Naturalist McKenzie submitted annual leave requests April 8.

District Naturalist McKenzie audited Park Naturalist Hawkins' visitor center talk April 9 and his nature walk April 11. Hawkins terminated COB April 14.

District Naturalist McKenzie took Assistant Chief Naturalist Engquist to East Cape Sable and Lake Ingraham on the afternoon of April 18.

District Naturalist McKenzie went to Headquarters April 23 for a naturalist staff meeting.

Audiovisual Devices and Programs - Assistant Chief Naturalist Engquist came to Flamingo April 18 to inventory AV equipemnt.

Safety and Health - Park Naturalist Inman took 5 hours' sick leave April 9 and 3 hours April 10 to see the doctor after bringing back a flu bug and a mild throat infection from Harpers Ferry.

On April 22 the 45 MPH speed limit went into effect on the Park road to reduce the potential of damage caused by seal coat chips on the new pavement.

Park Naturalist Inman attended Safety Committee meeting at Headquarters April 17.

Construction and Maintenance - The microphone used for evening programs broke April 12 and was repaired April 15.

On April 11 District Naturalist McKenzie, Park Naturalist Inman, and Maintenance Foreman Getty went to the Bear Lake parking area to discuss improving the parking arrangement and increasing its capacity. On 4-22 a work order drawn up by Mary Inman was submitted.

Protection Activities - On April 26 District Naturalist McKenzie assisted Subdistrict Ranger Kastellic on a late night boat rescue as most Mangrove District Rangers were fighting the control burn, and burn, and burn.

On April 30 Mangrove District personnel met for pre-hurricane planning in an attempt to be better prepared for future hurricanes.

Miscellaneous Activities - On April 6 the amphitheater was used for an Easter sunrise services. Reverend Art Hanna conducted his last services April 27, then left for a new assignment in Big Bend.

On April 23 District Naturalist McKenzie and Chief Naturalist Miller went to Homestead and purchased a used wheelchair from Goodwill Industries for use at the Flamingo Visitor Center.

Park Naturalist Inman displayed some of her paintings at the Park Ladies' "Art Exhibit" at the Pine Island April 24. Mary Inman presented a short write-up for the Park Service Newsletter.

Park Naturalist Inman submitted an incentive award suggestion for an Echo-matic cleaning cartridge for use on LaBelle message repeaters.

On April 27 Flamingo employees sent a letter through the Superintendent to the Director objecting to the abolishment of the arrowhead emblem and its removal from the uniform.

Leonard W. McKenzie
District Naturalist

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: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: June 11, 1969

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, May, 1969

General

Weather - The weather for the month of May was similar to that of April, with the exception that there were more rainy days during May. The month provided excellent conditions for photographers requiring large billowy clouds for a background. Days were noticeably hotter, with increased humity adding to the discomfort. The hot, humid weather has also stimulated increased activity of the mosquito and deer flies. Nights were fairly cool, but were becoming increasingly warmer toward the endof the month.

The water gauge at Royal Palm registered 2.74 during the last day of May.

Travel - Visitors to the Parachute Key Visitor Center totaled 12,779. The Royal Palm area was visited by 27, 293 people. During the month forty-eight of the fifty states were represented at Royal Palm. Four Canadian Provinces and thirty-three foreign countries were also represented.

Miscellanous - On May 4th, the Asst. Chief Naturalist, District Naturalist and Naturalist Phil Givens escorted the Vice President of Kenya, Africa and his group on a tour along the Anhinga Trail. The highlight of the tour seemed to be the Anhingas. The Vice-President asked if a pair of birds could be made available for the personal preserve of the President of Kenya. In exchange they offered us a pair of Cape Buffalo which was politely declined. I can see it all now, two huge black buffaloes standing in the road challenging anything getting in their way.

A portable Lecternette was purchased by the Maintenance Division andpresented to the Nsturalist Division. The equipment is available for anyone to use.

On the 15th, the Park recieved 3 female crocodiles, 1 female and 3 male alligators from the New York Zoological Society. The animals were released at the following locations:

Largest male gator - - Royal Palm
One gator and one croc - - Coot Bay Pond
Two gators - - Nine Mile Pond
Two crocs - - West Lake

Attached is information concerning size and weight.

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Leaks, due to rain, in the ceiling of the auditorium were reported to maintenance for repair.

Personnel - Seasonal Naturalist, Sam Mendlen, entered on duty May 21.

The District Naturalist was on leave from the 17th through the 28th.

Naturalist Maude Harriott will be on leave from May 25th to July 6.

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Interpretive Activities - Seasonal Naturalist Kelly Motherspaugh, is working on a handout pamphlet for the Pinelands Trail. Some of the wording had to be revised because of a recent fire that swept the trail.

During the month, all of the lift boxes along the Anhinga Trail were replaced with refurbished boxes.

As of the 13th, the Parachute Key Visitor Center will be opened seven days a week from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

An off-site talk was given to the Redlands Lions Club on the evening of the 6th. Twenty-eight attended the talk on Fort Jefferson.

On the 14th, a conservation talk was given to the Coral Park Elementary School. There were 150 students in attendance.

The Friday evening program has been deleted from the summer program schedule due to lack of public interest.

During the month, the photographic works of Mr Caulion (Cal) Singletary were placed on display in the Main Visitor Center. The display can be viewed by the public until the 15th of June.

On May 21st, part-time Naturalist, Phil Givens fave a talk on ESA to two classes of 44 students at the Redland Elementary School.

During the month more than two dozen schools were given special talks and walks along the Anhinga Trail.

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Mr. Richard A. Stokes
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Homestead, Fla. 33030

Dear Dick:

Here are the three Crocodilus acutus and four Alligator mississippiensis. All of them have their jaws taped shut and their eyes covered to calm them down. The crates are marked on the ends to indicate which is head and which is tail of the animals inside. Two of the crates are double-deckers.

Each of the animals is tagged with a numbered monel tag on the web of a hindfoot.

Crocodilus acutus ♀ tag 357, length 7' 8 1/2", wt. 112 lbs.
" " ♀ tag 427, length 6' 7", wt. 93 1/2 lbs.
" " ♀ tag A26, length 7' 9 1/2", wt. 112 lbs.

Alligator mississippiensis ♀ tag A27, length 8' 3", wt. 194 l
" " ♂ tag A1, length 10' 4 1/2", wt. 514 lbs.
" " ♂ tag 835, length 7' 6", wt. 205 l
" " ♂ tag 337, length 8' 10 1/2", wt. 285 lbs.

Please return the shipping crates to us. Send them collect, we will pay for the cost of shipping them.

Sincerely yours,

Wayne

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BJECT: Monthly Report, May, 1969

GENERAL

Weather

The month of May brought warmer temperatures and some scattered summer showers. Temperatures ranged from 92 to 61. Rainfall was 5.45" for the Gulf Coast Station.

Travel

A total of 16,07? people visited the Gulf Coast District during the month. Approximately 2,400 stopped at the Ranger Station and 779 of these took advantage of the boat tours offered. Travel figures for May,1969 showed increases in all categories over May, 1968.

Visitors

Senator Nelson, Wisconsin
Noble Samuel, Virgin Islands N. P.
Fred Leissler, Environmental Planner, BPR
Under Secretary of Interior Glasgow.

Special Activities

Two TV crews were in the District during the month; an NBC crew for the Huntly - Brinkley News and a photographer for WINK TV in Fort Myers.

ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

District Park Naturalist Truesdell attended a two week Oral Communications Training Course at Harper's Ferry from May 5th to 17th.

As of May 28th the District Naturalist ended his two month assignment as Management Biologist working on the eradication plan for Australian pines in the Park.

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CONSERVATION, INTERPRETATION AND USE

Research and Observations

Three major bird rookeries have built up in the District during the month. These are located at Rogers River Bay, Little Pavilion Key, and Chokoloskee Bay. Accompanying the nesting cormorants and egrets at Little Pavilion were about 120 Frigate birds and one Flamingo (seen 4 or 5 times during the month). The rookery at Chokoloskee Bay also by the end of the month had several thousand white ibis roosting there and three roseate spoonbills were observed on the 30th. This rookery has nesting brown pelicans, cormorants, common egrets, snowy egrets, and La. herons. The Rogers River Bay rookery is a cormorant and common egret colony.

During the week of May 11th to 17th a visitor reported seeing a black bear swimming across Lostman's River.

The distribution report on Casuarina trees in the Park was submitted to the Chief Ranger during the month. In cooperation with Management Biologist Klukas several test areas were set up to observe treatment methods for eradication.

Interpretive Activities

During the month two off-site programs were given in Everglades. A slide program was given to the 4th grade class and the movie " A Matter of Time" was shown to the combined 7th and 8th grade classes at Everglades school.

Four special boat tours were given this month. Noble Samuel from Virgin Islands National Park, who stayed with the District Naturalist two days, was given a tour of the District. Senator Nelson, Wis., and his son were also given a tour of the District on the 30th by Dale and Truesdell. Mr. Green of WINK TV was given a tour to the bird rookery in Chokoloskee Bay and also taken to the Shark Valley Loop Road. Under Secretary Glasgow and party were also in the District for a quick tour on the 22nd.

During the month the District Naturalist made final changes in the "Guide to The Wilderness Waterway", after it was returned by Roger Rogers, Regional Publications Officer, and the Guide was given to the University of Miami Press for layout. It is hoped that printing can be started soon.

One day was spent numbering markers on the Waterway. Another day is needed to complete numbering markers on at least one side.

Protection

One day was spent taking photographs of inholdings along the waterway and they are being developed now.

On the nights of the 30th and 31st Ranger Dale and Naturalist Truesdell made patrols to the outside islands in an attempt to prevent turtle turning activities. Numerous fishermen and campers were contacted on these nights. Several warnings were given for camping in undesignated areas and boating without lights, however no hunting activities were observed. Several fishermen were suspected and the patrols were considered worthwhile. To date turtle crawls have been reported on Kingston Key and Indian Key. On the morning of June 1st,(2:00AM) a Loggerhead turtle was observed near Tiger Key beach.

Concession

Sammy Hamilton Boat Tours made 64 trips and carried 779 people during the month, compared to 227 carried in May, 1968.

GOALS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Accomplishments

"Guide To The Wilderness Waterway" rewritten for "umteenth" time and submitted to Miami Press.

Casuarina distribution report submitted.

Goals for June, 1969

Make loop extension of trail on Sandfly Island, swat 10,000 mosquitoes, and rewrite guide booklet to Sandfly Island Trail.

Complete numbering of waterway markers.

William G. Truesdell

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Chief Park Naturalist June 1, 1969

Mangrove District Naturalist, Acting

Monthly Narrative Report for May, 1969

General - Winter did not leave gently: on May 3 we had a hail storm at 7 p.m. with 49 knot winds. It cleared by 8, but the campground was inundated and not one visitor showed up for the campfire program. Summer arrived May 14 and by May 24 the rains were well accepted as 18 visitors took the entire Bayshore Walk in a downpour.

Visitor Information and Orientation Stations - Park Naturalist Inman drew up the proposed trail and road signs needed for the Mangrove District.

Status of Museum Exhibits and Collections - District Naturalist McKenzie replaced most of the fluorescent tubes (cool white) in the museum exhibits with warm white bulbs. The exhibits have had cool whites since before he arrived.

Naturalist Inman culled the many boxes of slides taken throughout the winter. On May 25 the new Poaching display was set up in the museum, and Inman painted the background of the Rare Bird display, gave it a second coat on 5/28 and glued the birds in place on 5/29.

Conducted Trips - On May 18 Naturalist Inman met a North Miami group of 82 and conducted them on a Bayshore Walk.

On May 21 District Naturalist McKenzie spent part of the day with I. Made Taman, Head of the Nature Conservation and Wildlife Service of Indonesia. They joined Dr. Craighead on an observation trip to study one of his plots on an old coastal prairie road. Later they discussed interpretive plans and services in the district.

On May 23 District Naturalist McKenzie spoke to EPCo Manager Wilkey and Capt. Taylor about the Whitewater Bay Cruise in response to a complaint about it. They discussed at length interpretation quality and cruise possibilities

Environmental Education - On May 13 District Naturalist McKenzie went to Hq. then to Homestead to meet Mr. Robert Hermes who has consented to film footage for an introductory ESA film. McKenzie worked on ESA material preparation on May 16 and went to Hq. again on May 20 to meet with Mr. Hermes to crystalize plans for the ESA movie. They visited the ESA. On May 19 McKenzie went to Hq. to meet with Mr. Richard Greenberg, Science Curriculum Coordinator for the Dade County School System, and discuss the possibility of obtaining professional ESA curriculum planning assistance from the school system. They visited the ESA ans Royal Palm.

On May 23 District Naturalist McKenzie submitted an environmental education status report to Chief Naturalist Miller to forward to the Superintendent, and he submitted a rough shooting outline to Miller for the proposed ESA movie. Hopefully it will enable Hermes to shart shooting footage.

Talks and Campfire Programs - On May 7 the evening programs were moved officially into the EPCo auditorium and the amphitheater benches were stacked under the building.

Interpretive Personnel and Training - Naturalist Inman went to Hq. for curatorial work on May 1,8,15, and 22. On May 7 she conducted a session on curatorial methods and techniques for the naturalist staff at Hq.

District Naturalist McKenzie went to Hq. for a training session on the new Employee Appraisal and Counseling System on May 6 and for the curatorial methods session on May 7. On May 12 McKenzie went to Hq. to meet Chief Naturalist Miller about the environmental education seminar the latter had attended at Blue Ridge Parkway and to discuss the interpretive prospectus for Flamingo with the changes the planning team had suggested. On May 24 McKenzie left for one month's annual leave.

Construction and Maintenance - From May 18 to 23 District Naturalist McKenzie worked overtime to finish the 'gator poaching exhibit to have it ready to set up before he went on leave.

On May 18 Naturalist Inman cruised the Bear Lake Trail with clippers and pruned back 8 manchineel trees and a few poisonwoods that were in a position to brush hikers. On May 29 she scraped, washed, then gave a first coat of paint to the closet which is still awaiting a patch job on two gaping holes.

Miscellaneous - On May 12 District Naturalist McKenzie submitted an article to be sent to NPS Courier about Mr. nad Mrs. H.M. Albright's visit to ENP. On May 15 he went to Miami International Airport to pick up 3 crocodiles and 3 alligators donated to ENP by the New York Zoological Society. Two 'gators were released at Nine Mile Pond, one at Coot Bay Pond; two crocs were released in West Lake and one in Coot Bay Pond. Stu Coleman picked up another 'gator at the airport later that afternoon for release at Royal Palm.

On May 16 McKenzie met the Director of Kenya National Parks here with Robert Milne, Staff Ecologist ORP, WASO.

On May 30 Naturalist Inman wrote a couple of pages of suggested changes in NPS women's uniforms for the Superintendent who is on the uniform committee.

Mary Inman

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: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: July 9, 1969

: Glades District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report - June 1969

On June 3 District Naturalist Mazzer attended an FAA meeting held at Park Headquarters. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss procedures for conducting a noise measuring test to determine what effects the noise from low flying jets would have on wildlife in Everglades National Park. Two noise measuring devices were used to make the test, with one device being located at Royal Palm. Naturalists assigned to Royal Palm were involved during the test period.

On June 5, the District Naturalist was the National Park Service representative at the B-I-E Day held at South Miami Elementary School. Several other organizations were also represented. Information concerning a career in the National Park Service was given to interested students.

A conservation talk to 260 students of the Little River Elementary School was given on June 11 by the District Naturalist.

Toward the end of the month an audit of the Everglades Natural History Association was begun. The audit was completed July 2.

During the night of the 22nd vandals forced the locked doors of the sheds containing the coke and candy machines at Royal Palm. No damage was done to the machines. During the evening of the 29th vandals again forced their way into the locked sheds. However, on this occasion one coke machine was damaged to such an extent that it had to be replaced. An attempt was made to open the candy machine but was not accomplished. Very little damage was done to the machine. Previous and present incidents occurred during week-ends. Steps are being taken to prevent future break-ins.

An all-time high of rainfall occurred during the month. A total of 25.46 inches of rain fell during the month of June.

Goals for July 1969 in the Glades District

1. Improve audio station at Pa-hay-okee

2. Improve storage and distribution of publications.

3. Revise "National Parks and Landmarks" booklet to better answer questions at Visitor Center.

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4. Revamp concessioner boat schedules at Visitor Center.

5. Stabilize projectors in Audiovisual booth.

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: Chief Park Naturalist **DATE:** July 2, 1969

OM : Gulf Coast District Naturalist

JECT: Monthly Report June, 1969

als for June, 1969

Make loop extension on Sandfly Island and rewrite guide booklet.

Complete numbering of Wilderness Waterway markers.

complishments for June, 1969

Most of the month of June was spent on Sandfly Island project. Several days re spent locating a loop extension for the trail and several days were spent earing the trail. The clearing is about 25% complete.

During the first week of the month vandals tore down all but a few of the isting numbered stakes along Sandfly Trail. Some of the stakes were located d replaced but others had to be made and installed.

Information is being gathered for the rewriting of the Guide booklet for ndfly.

During June the Wilderness Waterway markers were numbered from Houston Bay Everglades. Every marker on the route has now been numbered.

ecial Activities

District Naturalist Truesdell participated in the production of a half hour special which was shown on WINK TV, Fort Myers on June 17th.

District personnel participated in the Collier County Summer bird count June 15th.

The District Naturalist assisted Ranger personnel on three night patrols nd two boat search and rescues during the month.

oals for July, 1969

Continue clearing of Sandfly Island Loop and construct a bridge across mangrove ash.

Continue gathering materials for Sandfly guide booklet revision.

Explore possibilities of self guiding trail on Kingston Key.

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elect sights for interpretive exhibits on Sandfly.

ttempt to get every named District feature listed on a card in the Place Name file.

eview galley proofs of "The Guide to the Wilderness Waterway".

William G. Truesdell

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: July 9, 1969

M : Mangrove District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Report for June, 1969

June Activities

The summer interpretive program went into effect June 1. Mr. Robert Heim, public relations representative of the Everglades Park Company, interviewed Mary Inman June 4 to gather background material for a feature story on the Flamingo naturalist program.

The alligator poaching exhibit was moved from the museum to the visitor center lobby June 6.

Mary Inman completed and submitted a third draft of the proposed Mangrove Trail leaflet June 7.

Mrs. Eileen Taylor of the Everglades Park Company began announcing daytime naturalist activities, though somewhat sporadically, over the concessioner's visitor center public address system June 11.

The replacement of exhibit lights in the museum was completed June 14. Mary Inman completed brief interpretive narrative drafts for the Bear Lake, Snake Bight and Christian Point Trails.

Mary Inman repainted the naturalist office closet.

Mary Inman submitted a list of concession sightseeing trip audits made during the past year to Chief Naturalist Miller June 4. She audited and taped the Whitewater Bay Cruise narration, June 20.

District Naturalist McKenzie returned to duty June 24 after a month of annual leave. Joy!

Mary Inman completed site location for the Park's archeological base map, June 26.

Environmental Education Specialists Ronald Bell and John Peters began preparing study unit plans for the ESA Teacher's Manual June 26.

The Everglades Park Company conducted its first fishing clinic for boys at Flamingo June 29 - July 3. Len McKenzie presented a brief talk to the three participants, their counsellors, and the local student minister June 29.

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Mary Inman began a month of annual leave June 29.

Goals for July

1. Put the Mangrove Trail leaflet into use.
2. Complete a first draft of the ESA movie script.
3. Begin filming footage in the ESA.
4. Complete one study unit plan for the ESA Teacher's Manual.
5. Begin construction of another lobby exhibit.
6. Review concession cruise narrations.
7. Investigate other potential media for environmental education.
8. Begin an "environmental talk" for the superintendent.
9. Survive

Accomplishment of Goals for June

Goals were not established for June.

Leonard W. McKenzie

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: 8/2/69

OM : Gulf Coast District Naturalist

BJECT: Monthly Report, July, 1969

Narrative

Continued work on the extension of Sandfly Island Nature Trail occupied the majority of the days of the month.

The District Naturalist spent several days working with a new concession boat captain, auditing his trips and offering suggestions for improvement.

Special boat trips were provided for people from the Dept. of Transportation and FBI and the Florida Fish and Game Dept.

Student Trainee Dave Turner was in the District for two days for orientation.

The District Naturalist assisted the Ranger Division on two night patrols and orientation of Ranger Dillon during the month.

Goals for August, 1969

Continue work on Sandfly Island Nature Trail.

Contact Collier County Supt. of Schools regarding [illegible] on Sandfly Island.

Continue work on Place Name File.

Continue work on archeological, historical, and natural history base maps for District.

Continue work on fish specimen collection.

Explore possibilities of self-guiding trail on Kingston Key.

Accomplishments for July, 1969

Clearing of Sandfly Island loop extension is now 50% complete.

Final paste-up of "The Guide to The Wilderness Waterway" was reviewed and the book has been sent to the printer.

All known sites within the District were listed on cards in the place name file.

Work was started on mapping archeological and historic sites in the District.

William G. Truesdell

WILLIAM G. TRUESDELL

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Memorandum

: Assistant Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: August 8, 1969

M : Mangrove District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report, July, 1969

July Activities

McKenzie took the boat to Keysway Marine Co. in Homestead, July 1, for motor repair and picked it up July 8.

McKenzie submitted district goals for the fiscal year July 3.

McKenzie escorted a group of sixteen high school marine biology students from Fort Myers and their four leaders including State Representative Ted Randell, on a boat trip to Squawk Creek July 4.

I McKenzie presented a slide program to 35 members of the Islamorada Coast Gaurd Auxillary at the Islamorada Fishing Club on the evening of July 7.

The orientation map in the Flaminog Visitor Center lobby was taken to Nielsen's Cabinet Shop in Homestead July 10 for cabinet renovation. It was returned with a new facade two weeks later. Plans to have the map itself retouched were abandoned.

McKenzie installed a counter for the message repeater in the Florida Bay diorama July 11.

McKenzie submitted a proposal for a new amphitheater projection box July 11.

McKenzie wrote and submitted a PCP narrative for the proposed ESA trail July 11.

Mr. Bill Gilbert, a writer for Sports Illustrated magazine, was in the Flamingo area July 16-18. McKenzie discussed Park and environmental conservation issues with him at some length and helped him commerce an overnight trip over the Hell's Bay Canoe Trail.

McKenzie submitted a list of manpower needs for the current fiscal year July 16.

McKenzie visited Mr. Robert Hermes in Homestead July 18 to discuss the preliminary shooting script and needed footage for the proposed ESA introductory movie.

McKenzie escorted Mr. Peter Ogilive of the Australian National Parks on a tour of Park nature trails and the Flamingo area July 25.

Inman returned from a month of annual leave July 30.

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On July 30, McKenzie and most of the interpretive staff met with Dr. Rodney Nowalkowski of the South Dade School District and Messrs. John Peters and Ron Bell, two teachers employed this summer to prepare ESA instructional guidelines, to discuss their considerable progress and achievements this summer.

McKenzie presented orientation talks to EPC fishing drive participants three times during the month.

Glades District Naturalist Mazzer gave the Friday night programs at Flamingo during July in Inman's absence.

Accomplishment of Goals for July

1. Put the Mangrove Trail leaflet into use. Not achieved.
2. Complete a first draft of the ESA movie script. Partially completed.
3. Begin filming footage in the ESA. Not started because Mr. Hermes apparently had other commitments.
4. Complete one study unit plan for the ESA Teacher's Manual. At least five had been completed by month's end.
5. Begin construction of another lobby exhibit. Not started.
6. Review concession cruise narrations. Achieved for Whitewater Bay Cruise. Editing still underway.
7. Investigate other potential media for environmental education. Little accomplished. Discussion with Mr. Bill Gilbert of Sports Illustrated magazine may bear some fruit.
8. Begin an "environmental talk" for the superintendent. Not started.
9. Survive. Looking at the above list, I'm not sure I achieved this very well.

Goals for August

1. Accomplish unaccomplished goals for July
2. Rewrite Florida Bay narrative.
3. Write brief narrative for Rookery slide program.
4. Complete SOP file.
5. Complete trail narratives for Bear Lake, Snake Bight and Christian Point Trails.

Len McKenzie

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: Assistant Chief Park Naturalist DATE: September 9, 1969

M : Glades District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report, August, 1969

On the 4th a talk and identification session on poisonous plants was given to a group at the Baptist Summer Camp in Florida City, Fla. Purpose of the request was to have children attending the summer camp learn to identify and tag harmful plants in the area.

On the 10th, James Reynolds, student trainee, was assigned to the Naturalist Division for one week. During this period Reynolds was introduced to some of the policies and work procedures of a naturalist. Reynolds also participated in giving talks, walks, and manning the Visitor Center.

The entire day of the 12th was spent skinning and stuffing animal and bird specimens that had been accummulating for several months in the freezer at Headquarters. Participants doing the work were John Ogden, Cynthia McHugh, James Reynolds, and Dave Turner.

On the 16th, both of the Trainees left the Naturalist Division to be reassigned to other Divisions for further training in the overall operation of the Park.

During the month, a male deer skull and an alligator hide were added to the study collection. Both animals were killed by cars on the main Park road.

The exhibit panels from the Pa-hay-okee and Gumbo Limbo Trails that were sent to the Museum Lab were received during the month. However, one of the panels was damaged to the extent that it will have to be returned for repairs.

On the 14th the Park was put on a green alert in expectation of being hit by hurricane Camille. The next day the yellow alert was given, making it necessary to take precautionary action. Fortunately the hurricane did not come our way. Another alert was sounded on the 31st when hurricane Francelia threatened the south Florida area. There was no cause for alarm.

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Captions for several postcards to be sold by the ENHA were submitted by Dave Turner during the month.

The resurfacing of the Pinelands and Gumbo Limbo Trails took place during the early part of the month. The trails are now much more appealing and safe.

July Goals Completed

1. Improve audio at Pa-hay-okee
2. Improve storage and districution of ENHA publications
3. Revamp concessioner boat schedule at Visitor Center
4. Stabilize projectors in AV booth
5. Install curtains in auditorium

August Goals Completed

1. Sign-out sheets for film and loan equipment lockers
2. Signs on rest rooms at Royal Palm
3. Dim exit lights in auditorium
4. Twenty chairs taken out of auditorium
5. Clean book display in Visitor Center

Past Goals To Be Completed

1. Sequence listing of NPS areas
2. Changing of some slides in AV program

September Goals

1. Painting of chairs in Visitor Center
2. Raising lowest book shelves in library 2 in. higher
3. Continue work on slide file
4. Begin interpretation of road side pullouts

Ed Mazzer

Ed Mazzer

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How was I with the Aug. goals met?

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: September 2, 1969

M : Gulf Coast District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Report, August, 1969

Narrative - Continued work on the extension of Sandfly Island Nature Trail occupied most of the month. The trail has been cut all the way through; however before it will be useable widening in places and the removal of many stumps is necessary. Also some bridge work must be done.

The District Naturalist spent several days during the month locating all archeological and historical sites on one District Map. Also one trip to two of the sites was made to the Gopher Key area where Mo 60 and Mo 61 were investigated.

The District Naturalist and Mangrove District Naturalist McKenzie met with Mr. Dan Nicholson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Collier County on August 12th to discuss Environmental Study Programs for Collier County schools at Sandfly Island.

A special tour to the Chokoloskee Bird Roost was given to a group of students from the University of Miami, Marine Institute on August 12th.

The District Naturalist assisted the Ranger Division on two night boat patrols and one boat rescue during August.

Goals for September, 1969

1. Continue work on Sandfly Island; construct bridge and dock. Continue work on revising guide booklet. (%)
2. Meet with Collier County School Superintendent on Sandfly Island.
3. Continue work on a natural history base map of the District. (%)
4. Continue work on fish specimen collection for the District and start work on insect specimen collection. (%)
5. Start tagging self-guided trail on Kingston Key.
6. Submit plan for exhibit shelter for Kingston Key.

Accomplishments for August, 1969

The District Naturalist submitted an operating program for the District for fiscal year 1970.

Clearing on Sandfly Island 90% complete.

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Place Name file cards sent to Headquarters to have typed for master file. Majority of sites (all currently known by District Naturalist) have been listed. Not all have been identified or the origin of their name explained.

A base map of the District was drafted with all archeological and historical sites located on it.

William D. Truesdell

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: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: September 4, 1969

: Mangrove District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Narrative Report, August, 1969

August Activities - Park Naturalist (Student Trainee) David Turner was assigned to the Mangrove District for interpretive training August 1, 7, and 8. He presented an evening program on "The Birds of Everglades" on the 1st and 8th. He also photographed most of the museum exhibits on his last day here. On August 6 Inman trained him in curatorial procedures at Headquarters.

McKenzie presented orientation talks to three groups of boys participating in the EPC fishing clinics at Flamingo.

On August 1 McKenzie and Inman cleaned the ENHA boat inside and out before returning to the water.

McKenzie completed his editing review of Mrs. Lura Dickson's manuscript for her forthcoming book Everglades Wonderland for Girls and Boys early in the month.

On August 2 Inman was interviewed by Mrs. Peggy Blanchard of the Miami Herald for a forthcoming article about women in conservation work.

McKenzie drafted a report to the Superintendent from the Chief Naturalist summarizing the meeting held late in July with Dr. Rodney Nowalkowski of the South Dade School District.

Inman wrote and submitted captions for twelve postcards to be sold by the ENHA.

The Olson amplifier used for evening programs at Flamingo burned out about mid-month and has not been repaired. The microphone cord was repaired- again.

McKenzie and Inman updated and submitted 10-180 series forms during the month.

McKenzie completed and submitted a final draft of the proposed sound script for the rookery exhibit program.

On August 12 McKenzie picked up Truesdell in Everglades City and drove to Naples to discuss the proposed Sandfly Island Environmental Study Area with Collier County school officials and to determine their interest in using the area for environmental education. Assistant Superintendent of Schools Nicholson, who substituted for Superintendent John Murphy, was quite receptive to the presentation and scheduled an inspection trip to Sandfly Island on September 10. After the meeting McKenzie and Truesdell visited the Big Cypress

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Nature Center in Naples to discuss its existing and planned conservation education programs with the new director of the center.

On August 13 Truesdell took McKenzie on an orientation trip to Kingston Key.

Inman submitted an application for a medical transfer August 14.

On August 14 Flamingo was put on green alert for Tropical Storm Camille, then located about 200 miles south of Havana. The following morning, after the approaching storm had intensified to hurricane strength, a yellow alert was called and preparations for possible evacuation began. Interpretive programs were cancelled as all visitors were asked to leave the area, and the museum, packed with appliances, furniture, and equipment, was closed. The area reverted to green alert August 16, but because of the possible approach of Hurricane Debbie, the museum remained closed until the afternoon of the 18th, when equipment was moved out and operations returned to the chaotic norm. The area was put on green alert again August 31 in anticipation of Hurricane Francelia.

On August 21 McKenzie accompanied Mr. Robert Hermes to Long Pine Key to survey the area for photographic potential as well as to shoot some footage for the planned ESA movie. On August 25 McKenzie visited Mr. Hermes in Homestead to discuss the movie script and to view some of his stock footage.

McKenzie prepared and submitted division operating program for the 1970 fiscal year August 22.

McKenzie submitted district program standards August 27.

On August 28 a mimeographed version of the West Lake Nature Trail leaflet was put into use. McKenzie and Inman installed the lift boxes for leaflet distribution at the trailhead and tacked numbered markers prepared by Inman to the railing that afternoon.

On August 28 the two Mahogany Hammock exhibits, removed in preparation for Hurricane Camille, were replaced.

Accomplishment of Goals for August

1. Complete unaccomplished goals for July.
   a. The West Lake Nature Trail leaflet was put into use August 8.
   b. Some progress was made on the ESA movie script, but it is not complete.
   c. Some footage was filmed at Long Pine Key and Mr. Hermes is filming other footage at home.
   d. Construction of another lobby exhibit has not started.
   e. Editing of cruise narrations continues.
   f. The "environmental talk" requested by the Superintendent has been reassigned.
2. Rewrite the Florida Bay audio narrative. No progress.
3. Write a brief narrative for the rookery slide program. Draft complete.
4. Complete SOP file. Drafts complete.
5. Complete trail narrative for Bear Lake, Snake Bight, and Christian Point Trails. Drafts complete.

Goals for September

1. Complete draft of ESA Teachers Manual. (McKenzie)
2. Complete ESA handout. (McKenzie)
3. Complete first draft of ESA movie script. (McKenzie)
4. Plan first ESA workshop. (McKenzie)
5. Begin contacting schools to arrange presentations about ESA program. (McKenzie)
6. Begin planning curriculum for "PIP" workshops. (McKenzie)
7. Complete lift boxes for West Lake Nature Trail. (Inman)
8. Start construction of first environmental exhibit. (Inman)
9. Obtain illustrations for West Lake leaflet. (Inman)
10. Begin planning Mahogany Hammock trail leaflet. (Inman)
11. Improve interpretive program publicity. (Inman)

Len McKenzie

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: Chief Park Naturalist **DATE:** October 7, 1969

M : Glades District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Report, September 1969

The CU-1 unit sent for repairs to the Audio Visual Lab during July was returned to us on the 3rd of the month.

On the 6th, Solicitor, Mitchell Melich and Deputy Solicitor, Raymond Coulter and wives visited the Park. The gentlemen were taken on a plane ride to view the Park from the air. The ladies were taken on a tour of the Visitor Center and a walk on the Anhinga Trail.

On the 11th, the District Naturalist attended a Girl Scout meeting in Homestead. Purpose was to relate to parents of possbile Girl Scout members the role their daughters would play in ~~the~~ helping the public through work as a Ranger-Aid at Everglades National Park. Also discussed was the possiblity of having senior girls from other Dade and Monroe county troops ~~to~~ participate in the program.

During the week of the 15th, the District Naturalist attended a Communications Visual Aids course held at the Mather Training Center.

A speaker to be used at the Long Pine Key Campground for evening programs was acquired from the Audio Visual Lab at Harpers Ferry. We were also promised two amplifiers as soon as they are received.

On the 21st, Naturalist, Phil Givens gave a talk at the enlisted men's Service Club at Homestead Air Force Base. The talk was a prelude to a planned tour of the Park during October.

Two Caiman were received on the 24th from an individual from California. The caimen were mistakenly donated as alligators. The owner had raised the paired animals from hatchlings to their present size of 4 1/2 and 3 1/2 feet respectively. Both reptiles were given to Safari Land of West Palm Beach, Florida. So much for Alligators!

One of our Graflex 16mm movie projectors was out of service during the month. Grif, the park electrician was able to repair the projector at a minimal caost.

On the 30th, the District Naturalist, with the cooperation of maintenance personnel, apprehended a Japanese student from the University of Michigan who was collecting butterflies at Royal

Palm without a permit. The butterflies were confiscated and a stern warning given. The offender was very cooperative and was told where to collect specimen in likely places outside the Park.

The underwater camera sent in for repairs during August was returned to us on the 30th.

Our seasonal Museum Aid, Cynthia McHugh left us to return to Colorado State University.

Goals for October

1. Better cigarette receptacles along the trails
2. Remove all overhanging limbs of poison wood and poison ivy found on trails.
3. Photographs of all exhibits.
4. Measurements of all phots within exhibit cases.

Ed

Ed P. Mazzer

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: Chief Park Naturalist DATE: October 7, 1969

: Gulf Coast District Naturalist

CT: Monthly Report, September 1969

Narrative

During the first week of September The Guide To The Wilderness Waterway came out in print. The District Naturalist spent several days during the month contacting local sales outlets and distributing books to these dealers.

District Naturalist Truesdell was on annual leave from the beginning of the month thru the 13th.

On September 10, 1969, District Naturalist Truesdell (Gulf Coast) and McKenzie (Mangrove) escorted Mr. Don Nicholson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools for Collier County and representatives from his office to the Sandfly Island proposed Environmental Study Area. Members of this group were very enthusiastic about the area and anxious to get it in operation. Help building picnic tables for a lunch area and help on bridge construction was promised by Mr. Nicholson.

Goals for October 1969

1. 100% Completion of clearing on Sandfly Island Nature Trail and construction of boardwalk. Continue work on Guide Booklet (Outline and 1st draft)
2. Hold workshops for teachers from Collier County on Sandfly Island Environmental Study Area project.
3. Gather information on Archeological and Historical sites by visiting at least 10% of the district sites during the month.
4. Continue work of fish specimen collection and insect specimen collection.
5. Put together information on Sandfly - ESA for teacher use.
6. Keep thinking about self-guiding trail on Kingston Key. Attempt to lay out trail.

Accomplishments for September 1969

1. Work on Sandfly Island continued. Clearing of trail is approximately 95% complete. The bridge across the mangrove creek has been constructed and the boardwalk leading to the bridge is approximately 25% complete. Material has been gathered for rewriting of Sandfly Guide booklet, however actual writing has not been started.
2. Meeting with Collier County School Assistant Superintendent and his staff was held on September 10. Sandfly Island was visited by the group.

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3. Notes are being gathered and notations made on "work" maps on interesting natural history features of the district. These will be incorporated on a natural history base map at a later date.
4. To date work on the fish specimen collection has been begun. Seven different species have been collected out of about 50 possible species. The insect collection has also just begun.
5. Tagging the trail and submitting an exhibit plan for Kingston Key work was not accomplished as most of the work days during month were spent on Sandfly Island in an attempt to complete that project.

William G. Truesdell

Chief Park Naturalist

October 4, 1969

Mangrove District Naturalist, Acting

Monthly Narrative Report, September, 1969

September Activities - The time for the evening programs was changed from 8:30 to 8 pm on Sept. 5. A program entitled "Ever-changing Everglades" was presented to the Miami Garden Club by Park Naturalist Inman on Sept. 11.

District Naturalist McKenzie received an offer of promotion from ASTS which he accepted. McKenzie spent about half his time on ESA projects: movie script, instruction guidelines, an introductory handout for teachers and other narratives. All drafts were completed.

McKenzie attended the safety meeting held at Flamingo Sept. 3.

On Sept. 6 Inman completed a draft of illustrations for the West Lake Trail leaflet and lift boxes to be used as a guide by a professional artist.

On Sept. 10 McKenzie went to Everglades City to meet Assistant Superintendent of Schools Nicholson and two assistants for a trip to Sandfly Island with Truesdell to show them the site for the proposed ESA. This receptive group is enthusiastic about the ESA program.

On Sept. 17 Inman completed the SCP file, and also the Christian Point Trail leaflet. All trail leaflets were submitted to Hq. for approval. McKenzie almost has the editing finished on the Whitewater Bay Cruise narrative. This will be submitted later from Assateague.

Miller was here Sept. 18 & 19 to work on the prospectus. He and McKenzie spent some time discussing interpretive plans for Flamingo.

Inman designed a small rack for the V.C. lobby to hold handout material. This went to Nielson of Homestead for an estimate.

Inman completed the layout for the "Environmental Issues" exhibits on Sept. 24. McKenzie edited and approved the illustrations and captions. On Sept. 26 construction of the exhibits was begun by jigsawing the picture mounts.

Inman accessioned the 1967 University of Miami Marine Lab. fish collection on Sept. 25. On Sept. 28 she added frame-strips to the sides of the 'Gator Display in the V.C. lobby and painted them.

New soil was put in the V.C. lobby planters late in the month and replanting was started by putting in 5 mahogany seedlings and 1 lignum vitae. McKenzie collected others, now in pots, for the planters.

On Sept. 26 a farewell tea was held at Hq. for the McKenzies and Dee Leneaux.

Mary J. Inman

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Memorandum

: Chief Naturalist

DATE: November 5, 1969

M : Glades District Naturalist

ECT: Monthly Narrative Report, October, 1969

On October 2, the wives of Mr. Jerry Wilson and Mr. George Donahue, Chief and Assistant Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D.C. were taken on a guided tour of Royal Palm while the men were taken on a plane ride. Also involved was Chief of NCR Park Police, Grant Wright and wife.

On the 5th of the month John Wesley Phillips, Park Ranger from Colonial Historical Park finally saw the light and transferred to Everglades as a Naturalist. "Wes" filled the GS-7 position that had been vacant for over a year.

On October 10, two Russian Agriculturalist (farmers) were shown the Park by uniformed personnel. They will probably return to Russia and say they discovered the Everglades.

The 11th saw the arrival of 40 Forest Supervisors from throughout the country. Dick Stokes and "Yours Truly" accompanied the group to Flamingo. A tour of several trails and an interpretation of the Park was given along the way.

At the beginning of the month a copy of "Highlights" was requested by the Midwest Region Office. The film was shown to an ESA group totaling 1200 children.

During the month "Highlights" was televised in the Washington, D. C. and surrounding area. Potential viewers was in the millions. How about that!

A five year plan of interpretive goals and construction projects for the Glades District was submitted during the month.

The 13th, saw the opening of Royal Palm on a seven day week basis.

The District Naturalist was temporarily assigned to Fort Jefferson for a two week period. Assignments of protection and interpretion were complied with. While there a hurricane alert made it necessary to batten down the hatches in preparation for hurricane "Laurie." The storm never materialized. Darn it!

During the middle of the month a small butterfly display was added to the museum at Royal Palm. It is hoped the display will increase with time and available specimens.

On the 27th a group of 40 National Wildlife Federation people were guided through the Park.

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Goals for November

To complete the goals mentioned in July, August, September and October reports.

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: November 4, 1969

OM : Gulf Coast District Naturalist

BJECT: Monthly Narrative Report, October 1969

Narrative - The month of October was mostly spent trying to get Sandfly Island Environmental Study Area ready for use by Collier County Schools. The Teacher-Workshop held on October 17, 1969 indicated a strong desire by local schools to use the area.

Several days during the month were spent planning a winter program for the coming season. Mr Guy Michener, Seasonal Naturalist at Yosemite National Park accepted our offer for seasonal employment in the Gulf Coast District.

District Naturalist Truesdell spent two days at Park Headquarters assisting the Chief Naturalist on the five-year Interpretive Construction Program.

District Naturalist Truesdell left for a two week assignment at Fort Jefferson National Monument on Oct. 31st.

The District Naturalist met with Lt. Clark Shotwell, Assistant Superintendent Collier Seminole State Park and made arrangements for evening programs to be given at Collier Seminole this season. Lt. Shotwell, Ranger Waldren and party from Collier Seminole came to the Gulf Coast Station for a special orientation tour on the 18th. They were taken through the 10,000 Islands and on a tour of the Sandfly ESA.

On October 28 District Naturalist Truesdell accompanied a National Wildlife Federation tour on an all day trip by bus across the Tamiami Trail and by boat through the Ten Thousand Islands.

Park Naturalist Wes Phillips was in the District for a one day orientation trip during the month.

Hurricane Laurie threatened the Gulf Coast and two days were spent on hurricane preparations.

Roy Osmer former "life time resident" on Comer Key (Pelican Key) reportedly committed suicide at his son's home in West Virginia this month.

Goals for November 1969

1. 100% completion of Sandfly Island Nature Trail including construction of Boardwalk.
2. Contact teachers for assistance in preparing materials on Sandfly Island ESA.

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3. Spend two weeks on assignment at Fort Jefferson where work will be done on exhibit room display, Fort tour route, and possibly underwater trail.

4. Attend one week course at Harpers Ferry on Environmental Operations.

Accomplishments for October 1969

1. Actual clearing work on Sandfly Island Nature Trail is approximately 99% complete. One day of stump removal, another day of widening, and a day of mowing should complete the clearing. The boardwalk is approximately 75% complete. The outhouse is on the island but has not been installed as yet.

2. The Teacher Workshop on Sandfly ESA was held on 10/17/69. Teachers from Ommokolee and Everglades City were in attendance along with a representative from the Superintendent of Schools office.

3. The teachers will start working the use of the area into their classroom studies and the Everglades teachers hope to use the area within about a month.

4. Work on Sandfly ESA took mostof the District Naturalist's time in the field. No additional archeological or historical research was accomplished.

5. The fish specimen collection continues to grow, very slowly, however. Notably a moray (speckled) eel was caught in Halfway Creek by a local resident and turned over to the District Naturalist.

6. Information on Sandfly ESA for teacher use was presented at ESA workshop.

7. An inspection of the "paths" on Kingston Key indicated that the trail could be easily opened. No work on layout or construction has been done.

William G. Truesdell

Chief Park Naturalist November 2, 1969

Acting Mangrove District Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report, October, 1969

October 3 was District Naturalist Len McKenzie's last day at Everglades National Park. From here he has transferred with a promotion to Assateague Nat. Seashore.

On Oct. 11 Ranger Harry Delashmutt took my Visitor Center Talk so I could narrate the Whitewater Bay Cruise for 50 Forest Supervisors.

I reviewed "The Moon of the Alligator" by Jean Craighead George for FPCo. sales and found it an excellent children's book - also for adult reading.

I experimented with plastic embedding of specimens and found the process very simple but the polishing laborious.

On Oct. 14 I worked on the Projected Flamingo Personnel and Vehicle Needs for FY 72 through 76, and wrote justifications for these increases and the projected trail developments.

On Oct. 15 Ruth Kendler gave my Visitor Center Talk and Phil Clucas my Evening Program so I could spend the afternoon and evening at "My Fair Lady" exhibit in Miami, sponsored by the Council for Continuing Education of Women, representing ENP. I shared a booth with other Federal agencies and made 60 contacts. This exhibit was attended more by "working" rather than "career" women, and I suggest that another year the Park be represented by a clerical staff employee.

On Oct. 16 Wes Phillips came down for orientation and we got the amphitheater all set up.

I've had no help, just problems, from the new Resident Manager Bob Brouwer in keeping the auditorium in order for evening programs. In my anxiety to move outdoors I had the amphitheater set up to go for Oct. 17. It started raining that day and continued until Oct. 30. The first outdoor evening program was given Oct. 31 - still 2 weeks ahead of schedule, fortunately, because now I am having trouble keeping the steel band and bar types quiet through the programs.

The afternoon of Oct 16, while I made poster strips to announce the new evening programs location, I entertained Mrs. Fred Arnold, wife of the SERO Chief of RM & VP.

Oct. 19, 12 trainees of the Army Corps of Engineers and their own Ecologist arrived and I narrated the Whitewater Bay Cruise for them. On Oct. 20 (L.D.) I escorted them up the Park Road from Flamingo to Hq. stopping at Mahogany Hammock, Pa-Hay-Okee, and Royal Palm. They met with Supt. Raftery a bit after 11 am.

On Oct. 21 (L.D.) Flamingo went on green alert for Hurricane Laurie. After 7 pm the Rangers got me to help pull in the boats. At 7 am on Oct. 22 we went on yellow alert and spent the day in preparation. I took the EDVA boat and vehicle to Joe's and brought back a ranger vehicle. On Oct. 23 we were back on green alert. I put the offices back in order, got a ride with the Rangers to Hq., spent the rest of the day on curatorial activities, and brought back the vehicle and boat.

On Oct. 24 Peter Kitti from WASO Museum Lab. spent the afternoon touching up our exhibits with paint, crayons, and glue. He dusted and removed cobwebs and insects from the cases.

On Oct. 25 I escorted Dave and Mrs. Wallace around Flami go area in the morning. He looked over the museum exhibits with me and decided which ones needed rehabilitation. Next day I took photographs of these exhibits to help his lab. at Harpers Ferry.

I re-edited the copies of the concessioner's cruise narratives sent from Hq.

On Oct. 26 I made 6 new signs to post around the area announcing the new time and location of the evening programs: outside and at 7:30 for the first time Oct. 31.

Oct. 28 (L.D.) played "Johnny-Orchid-seed" and planted a few dozen mule ear orchid seedlings, from Dr. Craighead, in the buttonwoods around the residential area. Spent the rest of the day on an exploratory canoe trip with Ranger George Sites on the Bear Lake Canal to Gator Lake, into 2 Fox Lakes, and Mud Lake to the creek into Coot Bay.

On Oct. 29 Wes Phillips came down to spend the day in orientation. Again we got the amphitheater set up.

Mary J. Inman

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Memorandum

O : Chief Park Naturalist

DATE: December 7, 1969

ROM : Glades District Naturalist

UBJECT: November 1969, Narrative Report

On November 1, 1969 Mr.and Mrs. Robert Ashe, representing the Jupiter Island Garden Club were escorted through the Park by the District Naturalist. Purpose of the trip was to plan logistics for a future trip to the Park by Club members.

On the 6th a shipment of 5,000 copies of "Trees of the Everglades and Florida Keys" were received by ENHA to be sold in the Parachute Key Visitor Center. The booklet was written by George Stevenson who was at one time employed in the Park as a seasonal naturalist.

Mechanical failure of the Tandberg recorder and an AV 900 35mm projector made it necessary to send both pieces of equipment to the AV lab for repairs on November 7.

On the 10th, two Gramme amplifiers were received from the AV lab plus an AV 900 35 mm projector. The amplifiers are to be used at the Long Pine Key Campground for evening programs and for the same purpose at Flamingo.

Another shipment of 25 books were received on November 12, by the ENHA. The book is entitled "Moon of the Alligators" which was written by Jean Craighead George, Dr. Frank Craighead's daughter.

On the 15th, an Environmental Study Area workshop was presented to 25 teachers from local schools. Much interest was stimulated in the functions and purpose of an ESA program.

The evening of the 29th was the scene of the annual Ranger-Aide Fish Fry. Approximately 150 people attended the affair. After dinner a talk on archeology was given by guest speaker, John Griffin, Chief, Archeologist of the Southeast Region.

December Goals: Survival!

Ed Mazzer

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Memorandum

TO : Chief Park Naturalist **DATE:** 12/2/69

FROM : Gulf Coast District Naturalist

SUBJECT: Monthly Report November, 1969

Narrative

The District Naturalist spent most of the month of November away from the area. November 1st through the 12th was spent on temporary assignment at Fort Jefferson National Monument. Then on Nov. 14th the District Naturalist left for Harper's Ferry to attend a training course on Interpretive Operations. Returning from the course on the 23rd, the remainder of the month was spent clearing up correspondences, attending to inter-office routings, filing, and other administrative chores. On November 26th the District Naturalist went to Park Headquarters to discuss the forthcoming winter program and attend an Interpretive Staff meeting.

Goals for Dec., 1969

1. 100% completion of Sandfly Island Nature Trail including construction of boardwalk.
2. Contact teachers for assistance in preparing materials on Sandfly Island NSA.
3. Organize and begin the winter program for the District.
4. Orient new Seasonal Naturalist Guy Michener.
5. Attend training school at Park Headquarters on the 15th through 17th.
6. Prepare individual programs for winter program.
7. Schedule off-site programs at the Rod & Gun Club and the Captain's Table.

Accomplishments for November, 1969

1. Several days still required to complete Sandfly Island Trail.
2. Teachers will be contacted during December.
3. Two weeks spent at Fort Jefferson.
4. Attended Interpretive Operations training course at Harper's Ferry.

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Chief Park Naturalist

December 3, 1969

Acting Mangrove District Naturalist

Monthly Narrative Report for November, 1969

This month 5 plants from shady areas in the vicinity were added to the lobby planters and 3 numbered signs along the Park Road were relocated to better sites for identification. The amphitheater screen got 2 new coats of white paint and the little desk in the outer office a new coat of gray paint.

The new numbers for the West Lake Trail, corresponding to the booklet numbers, were installed. Four days later a check of the Trail revealed 3 numbers missing, 2 damaged, and the arrow missing. These were replaced and repaired. An appointment was made to meet artist Pris Fawcett at Fairchild Tropical Gardens concerning illustrations of the West Lake Trail booklet.

Museum cataloguing was brought up to date in preparation for turning curatorial activities over to Wes Phillips.

The Tram Trail was narrated and recorded by Naturalist Inman for E.C.Co. use in writing up an orientation narrative to replace the one they lost March, 1967. The new student minister arrived - Dave Schneider.

On Nov. 14 Mike Reed, Junior Editor with Encyclopedia Britanica, was escorted from Headquarters to Mohagany Hammock by Naturalist Inman.

There were several special-group walks and talks:

On Nov. 15 P.E. Stephenson's group of 27 Girl Scouts were taken on a tour of the Bear Lake Road to the Indian Mound.

The Jupiter Island Garden Club, led by Mrs. Ashe, were given a special evening showing of 2 movies: "Everglades - Conservation of a Balanced Community" and "Alligator!" on Nov. 18, and escorted at West Lake Trail and Mahogany Hammock Trail on Nov. 19.

On Nov. 23 Mark Tilferberg's Cub Scout troup of 42 were given a special Visitor Center Talk on "Florida Bay".

Goals for December:

1. Finish exhibits for front room and install them.
2. Have the information desk fumigated and paneled and installed in lobby.
3. Have bridge at Christain Point Trail-head installed.
4. Edit Tram Trail narration yet to be submitted.
5. Have benches weatherproofed.
6. Have Bear Lake Parking area "enlarged" and bumper strips installed.
7. Complete orientation of Wes Phillips to trail system.
8. Turn curatorial work over to Wes.
9. Get art work started on West Lake Trail booklet.

Accomplishment of Goals for November:

1. Draft of winter schedule for Flamingo: completed.
2. Restock planters in lobby: partially done.
3. Install new numbers on West Lake Trail: completed.
4. Orientation of Wes Phillips to Flamingo: partially done.
5. Paint amphitheater screen and outer office desk: completed.

Did this accomplish the above goals?

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Memorandum

: Chief Park Naturalist **DATE:** January 7, 1970

OM : Glades District Naturalist

BJECT: Monthly Narrative Report, December, 1969

On December 1, a group of Florida State Foresters were shown Highlights and given the two-bit tour of the Anhinga Trail.

Dan Scurlock entered on duty as a seasonal on December 2. Dan came to us from Chaco Canyon where he was a permanent archeologist but resigned because of his desire to become a naturalist. Dan finally saw the light.

The morning of the 9th was spent with a group representing the Japanese Water Pollution Control Study Team. The group was oriented to the problem threating the Park and related subjects. This group was also given the two-bit tour of the Anhinga Trail.

On the 10th, an off-site talk on Alligator Poaching was given to a group of 175 people.

A large part of the 16th and 17th was spent showing the Park to the Ambassador of Australia. Mr and Mrs. Keith Waller, and the wife of Senator Claude Pepper. This group was given the six-bit tour of the Anhinga Trail plus being taken to the Miami Airport.

Long-time-seasonal, Kelly Motherspaugh, arrived on duty December 15th. Kelly returned to us from Yellowstone NP where he has been a seasonal for a number of years.

The 15-17 was spent conducting a Training Session for permanent and seasonal naturalists. Guest speaker included Dr. Craighead, Dr. Kolipinski, and several Park staff members.

During the middle of the month new 35mm slide sets and postcards sets were received by the ENHA for sale at the Visitor Center. Also received were 5,000 copies of a 12x20 photos of an Anhinga with a fish impaled on its bill. The photo was taken by Mr. Cal Singletary a local wildlife photographer.

December 21, saw the opening of the 1969-1970 Winter Season. This date terminated two daily walks on the Anhinga Trail for the duration of the winter months.

The 21st was also the initial installation of lapse dissolve units at the Long Pine Key Campground to be used for evening programs. Presently not very practical.

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Marilyn (Mare) Martin seasonal naturalist arrived for duty on the 24th. Mare is a second year veteran of the Park and come to us from Wind Cave NP.

On the 24th a special Xmas program was given at the LPK campground by Phil Givens and Kelly Motherspaugh. An added attraction was the appearance of "Smokey Bear" to wish the audience a Merry Christman. The program was well received and was attended by over 300 people.

The Christmas and New Year period saw heavy visitor use of the Park. and especially the campgrounds. Numerous people were turned away because of both campgrounds being filled for seven consecutive days. A record 3,137 people were recorded as coming into the Parachute Key Visitor Center. There was also a record of $892.00 taken in for the day from sales items.

January Goals

1. Purchasing and installation of steel shelving for ENHA storage.
2. Pick-up of gun mount.

Ed Mazzer

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Narrative - On December 4th, District Naturalist Truesdell and his family assisted Mrs. Nancy Brower and Mr. Johnny Johnson from the Florida Department of Commerce in obtaining pictures of canoeing and camping activities in Everglades National Park. Park Ranger Dillion also assisted as operator of the camera boat.

On December 5th, District Naturalist Truesdell and Maintenance man Galvin added on an extension to the Kingston Key dock. The sand spit is washing away and a completely new dock location should be considered in the near future.

On December 10, 1969, Mr. & Mrs. Guy L Michener arrived in Everglades. They will be living in their own trailer in the Smallwood Trailer Park while Mr. Michener is employed as Seasonal Park Naturalist in the Gulf Coast District.

On December 11, District Naturalist Truesdell took National Park photographer Tom Gray down the Shark Valley Loop Road. On the 13th he was given a tour into the Gopher Key - Pelican Bay area.

Most of the time from the 12th to the 21st, was spent on program preparations for the winter season and orientation of Seasonal Naturalist Michener.

December 21st, marked the start of the winter season, but not the start of heavy visitation. Gulf Coast visitors didn't arrive until December 23rd. Park Concessioner Sammy Hamilton says he has been busier this year than ever before. Just about every trip of the day has been filled since the 23rd.

On December 23rd, Messera Truesdell and Michener traveled to Collier-Seminole State Park where they met with Superintendent Herb Smith and discussed National Park programs that will be given weekly at Collier-Seminole. The first program was given there on December 27th and a standing room only crowd was in attendance.

During the month the District Naturalist assisted the Ranger division by making two boat "rescues" of disabled boats and also by assisting several boaters interested in commercial permits. Two assists were also given to the Concessionner boats during the month.

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Goals for January, 1970

1. 100% completeon of Sandfly Island Nature Trail including broadwalk.
2. Work with teachers on ESA materials for Sandfly Island.
3. Carry on Winter Interpretive Program.
4. Continue opientation and training for seasonal Naturalist and assist in orientation of new District Ranger.
5. Regularly audit concessioner trips and Interpretive programs.
6. Provide special boat tours for E. William's family on 1/2/70.

Accomplishments for December 1969

1. Only 3 days were spent on Sandfly Island during December. Several more days work are needed on the boardwalk and final brushing out.
2. No work on materials for Sandfly ESA was accomplished due to majority of time being spent on program planning and initiating the winter program.
3. Winter program began December 21, 1969
4. Mr. Michener on duty and receiving on the job training, orientation.
5. District personnel attended the Naturalist Division training course at Park Headquaters on the 15th, 16th and 17th.
6. Winter interpretive talks being prepared and revised daily.
7. Off site program help at Rod and Gun Club on December 26th was well received by 52 people. Off site programs at Collier Seminole State Park also have been arranged with the first on December 27 highly successful.

William G. Truesdell

William G. Truesdell

Chief Park Naturalist

January 28, 1970

Acting District Naturalist, Mangrove

Monthly Narrative Report for December, 1969

December started at Flamingo with a seminar on Concessions Operations which I attended.

On Dec. 4 Wes Phillips and I reblazed the Christian Point Trail as far as the old road which has not been mowed, and laid a bridge of discarded wood over the moat at the trailhead. We cleared back manchineel from the Bear Lake Trail along with orientation of Wes to that trail. On Dec. 14 I oriented Dan Scurlock to the Flamingo area, and on Dec. 17 I orientated Kim Kacer to her Park Aid duties.

On Dec. 5 I accompanied Cecil Stoughton, still photographer from WASO, by canoe on the Bear Lake Canal.

The rough draft of the Bram Trail narrative was reviewed and OK'ed.

On Dec. 10 West Lake Trail was vandalized again and only 2 block numbers were left. I removed what was left of numbers and bases and painted the 14 numbers in place directly on the railing of the board walk.

On Dec. 10 Dale Engquist and I had a tour of Fairchild Gardens by Dr, Pompano before he introduced us to Priscilla Fawcett who looked over our West Lake Trail Booklet and agreed to illustrate it.

The Interpretive Training Session on Dec. 14 & 15 was attended by all Mangrove District personnel: Bruce Hawkins, Kim Kacer, and Mary Inman.

On Friday, Dec. 19, the power was disrupted in the amphitheater during the installation of the new projection box, and the evening program that night as well as the following 2 evenings were held informally with benches arranged around the campfire. The winter season schedule began this way on Dec. 21. After some further trouble with the P.A. circuit, all systems were go with lapse dissolve on Christmas Eve. Dec. 26 was declared an executive holiday which was only taken by Kim Kacer.

Naturalist A.M. Reports began again on Dec. 23 with mimeographed report sheets distributed to all districts.

Goals for January:

1. Finish exhibits for front room and install them.
2. Sand and teak-oil info desk.
3. Start Kim on VCT and Bayshore Walks.
4. Get all trails mowed and passable.

Accomplishment of Goals for December.

1. Info desk installed in lobby.
2. Bridge installed at Christian Point Trailhead
3. Tram train narrative edited
4. Orientations completed.
5. Curatorial work truned over to Wes.
6. Art work started on West Lake Trail Booklet.

Mary Inman, P. N.

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